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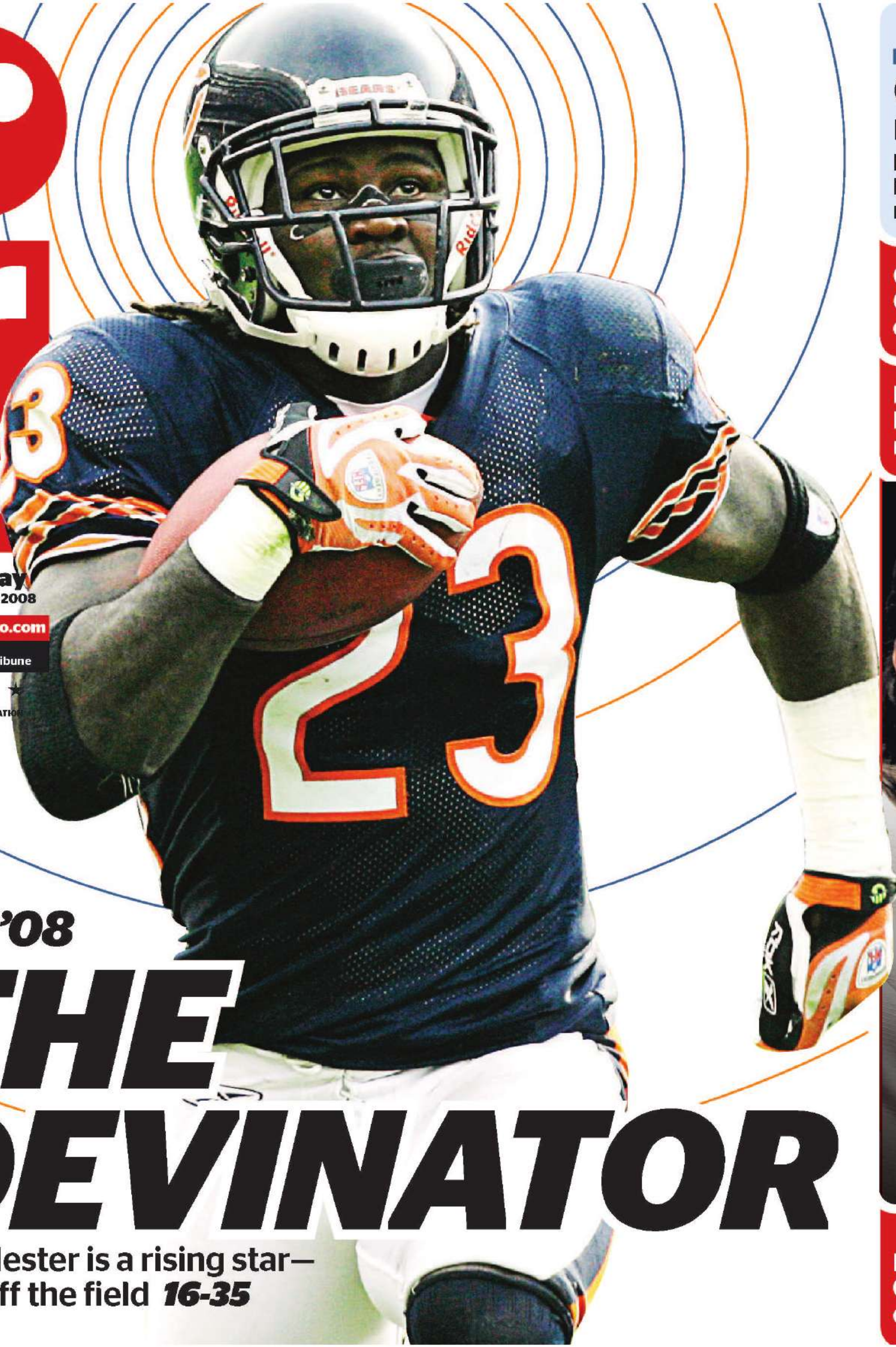
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**TODAY'S FORECAST**

It will most likely rain all day. And it will be heavy at times.



**FRI.**  
**70**  
**59**

Rain stops; cloudy



**SAT.**  
**75**  
**62**

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A New Orleans police officer meets with a Hurricane Gustav evacuee trying to re-enter the city Wednesday. AP



## Bush: 'Excellent'

**BATON ROUGE, La.** Trying to burnish his government's reputation for handling a stormy crisis, President Bush said Wednesday the response to Hurricane Gustav has been "excellent" and praised improvement since Hurricane Katrina.

"Phase one of the response to Gustav went very well," Bush told workers in a packed emergency command center here. "A lot had to do with the people in this room. We're much better coordinated this time than we were with Katrina."

From his motorcade, Bush spotted plenty of downed trees and street signs on a windy day. He also saw damage from above as Air Force One neared landing.

"All and all, the response has been excellent," Bush said. "But the people here understand that there is more work to be done." AP

# Welcome home

Mayor Nagin opens doors to New Orleans, but warns city is still vulnerable

### Associated Press

**NEW ORLEANS** As a stream of traffic queued up on the highways leading back to New Orleans, Mayor Ray Nagin decided Wednesday to let residents who fled Hurricane Gustav back after all—with a stern warning the city still was vulnerable.

Most neighborhoods did not have power, hospitals were running on generators and most businesses remained shuttered. Nagin initially said residents should wait until early

Thursday to come back. But those who live here, knowing this storm was no Katrina, were begging to get back home and sleep in their own beds.

"In my humble opinion, I think we're forcing the issue, but we're just going to deal with it," Nagin told WWL-TV. "I am really uncomfortable with this repopulation right now."

Nagin said he felt he had no choice but to lift the mandatory evacuation, because sur-

rounding communities started to let people back in Wednesday. Worried about potential looting of still-vacant properties, he said the city would maintain its dusk-to-dawn curfew indefinitely.

Those trying to make their way home were angry it took so long for officials to let them return after Gustav's Monday strike. George Johnson, 41, was glad to heed the call to leave—but said he would stay put next time because returning was such a hassle.

"People need to get home, need to get their houses straight and get back to work," said Johnson, 41, who used back roads to get into the city Tuesday night. "They want to keep you out of your own property. That's just not right."

After spending days in motels, with family, or in hot, overcrowded shelters, evacuees returned to a new set of problems. There still were nearly 1.2 million homes and businesses in Louisiana without power, including about 77,000 in New Orleans.

Parts of Jefferson Parish appeared eerily frozen in time, even as some convenience stores and other businesses were beginning to reopen. A sign outside a Catholic church, for example, still advertised a Katrina anniversary mass, scheduled for last Friday.

### BY THE NUMBERS

## Flying high

### The good news

U.S. airlines were on time more often in July than the same time last year. Overall, 19 carriers reported an on-time arrival rate of 75.7 percent in July, higher than both July 2007's 69.8 percent and June 2008's 70.8 percent.

### The bad news

That might not be consolation for passengers on Delta's regional subsidiary Comair, which had the worst on-time performance in July, according to Department of Transportation statistics released Wednesday.

### How the worst and best carriers stack up—based on on-time arrival percentages. AP

**The 3 worst**  
Comair, 63.3%  
JetBlue, 64.6%  
United, 68.2%

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# Dear celebs: Back away from Barack

Dear celebrities:

It's your candidate, Barack Obama, here. I'm writing to you because I wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the tremendous amount of love you've shown me during this campaign.

Now, please, shut the [bleep] up.

Perhaps you haven't heard, but the McCain campaign and its supporters have consistently tried to paint me as an out-of-touch elitist who is famous for being famous. To counter these charges, I've tried to stay at least 250 miles from Diddy at all times.

But I am up against a formidable right-wing attack machine that seizes on every gaffe, and, so, to put it bluntly, YOU

**HAVE GOT TO STAY THE HELL OFF OF YOUTUBE!**

Ludacris, man, I'm still shaking my head about that song in which you rapped, "McCain don't belong in any chair unless he's paralyzed." What does that even mean? He can't sit in any chair?

But more to the point, Luda, every time you do something like that, I have to issue a statement condemning it. Then I have to send a team of campaign staffers to the cable news stations to distance me from you. Then I have to spend three hours figuring out how to remove your music from my iPod. Then I have to send the team of campaign staffers back to the cable stations to tell them I've done that.

Still, at least you didn't compare McCain with Hitler in a video montage at any of your concerts. Madonna, why? Look, I understand you want to be controversial and newsworthy and no longer married to Guy Ritchie. Couldn't you have instead posed nude with Vanilla Ice again? I can deliver him; he's an office boy in our Dallas headquarters.

Now, part of this celeb involvement may be my fault. Throughout the campaign, and particularly during my convention speech, I've made the case that "this election has never been about me. It's been about you." And perhaps when you heard me say "you," you thought I meant *you*.

I didn't. I meant all the "yous" out there who aren't detested or resented by three-quarters of America. I meant the "yous" who toil away anonymously for their piece of the American dream—the schoolteacher, the factory worker, the governor of Alaska ... ah, check that last one.

But that does allow me to segue to my next point: Diddy, I love you like a brother, but, wow, just saw your "Diddy Obama Blog." The one in which you tell John McCain he was "bugging out" when he chose Sarah Palin as a running mate. The one in which you pose the question: "What is the reality in Alaska? There's not even no crack-heads in Alaska." The one in which you make me question whether *I'm* even going to vote for me.

So, Diddy, Madonna, Ludacris and the rest of you: If you truly care about this country, please, please leave it—until Nov. 5. My campaign plane's waiting for you at the international terminal at JFK. Your absentee ballots are in the seat pockets. Just do me a favor and don't film yourself mailing them in.

—Barack



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# Chemical question

## Substance in canned food, baby bottles raises safety concerns

### Associated Press

WASHINGTON Government toxicologists have reiterated safety concerns about a chemical used in baby bottles and food containers, just weeks after the Food and Drug Administration declared the substance safe.

A report issued Wednesday said there is “some concern” that bisphenol A can cause developmental problems in the brain and hormonal systems of infants and children.

The conclusion from the National Toxicology Program repeats initial findings issued in April. The group—which includes scientists from the National Institutes of Health and other agencies—said bisphenol’s risks to humans cannot be ruled out, but acknowledged its concerns are based on the findings of studies on animals.

The American Chemistry Council, which represents plastics manufacturers, stressed that studies from animals provide “limited and inconclusive evidence.” The group has spent the last year defending the safety of bisphenol from new concerns about the risks of plastics to children.

Bisphenol is a plastic-hardening chemical used to seal canned food and make baby bottles. After more than a year of complaints from consumer and parent groups, the FDA has agreed to revisit the chemical’s safety. The agency last month said the trace amounts that leach out

### PLASTIC ALTERNATIVES

Several major retailers—including Wal-Mart and Toys “R” Us—have said they would stop selling baby bottles made with bisphenol next year. And smaller companies like Eveflo and BornFree have ramped up production of glass baby bottles (right) as a bisphenol-free alternative.

Canada has said it intends to ban the use of the chemical in baby bottles, and state and federal lawmakers have introduced legislation to ban bisphenol in U.S. children’s products. **AP**

of food containers are not a threat to children or adults. But the toxicology group said that may not be true.

“More research is clearly needed to understand exactly how these findings relate to human health and development,” said Michael Shelby, who directed the group’s report. “But at this point we can’t dismiss the possibility that the effects we’re seeing in animals may occur in humans.”

Shelby’s group did back away from one issue raised in its draft report. While the group said in April there was “some concern” the chemical could speed up puberty in girls, the final report states there is now only “minimal concern” about those risks.



### BY THE NUMBERS

- Safe summer in L.A.**  
L.A. Police say this summer had the fewest slayings since the summer of 1967. Chief William Bratton attributed the continued decline in part to the department’s use of detailed crime maps to deploy officers to crime centers, the mayor’s anti-gang initiative and the hiring of new officers.
- 84** Number of homicides in L.A. from June through August
- 79** Number of killings in the summer of 1967
- 323** Number of homicides in the summer of 1991, when homicides peaked. **AP**

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Death Race (R) 1:30, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10

The Longshots (PG) 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30

Mirrors (R) 2:00, 5:15, 8:00, 10:50

Tropic Thunder (R) 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30

Pineapple Exp (R) 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 10:20

Step Brothers (R) 11:00 P.M.

The Dark Knight (PG-13) 3:00, 4:00, 6:30, 7:30, 10:00

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Elegy (R) 1:45, 4:40, 7:25, 10:05

Midnight Kiss (NR) 1:40, 7:15

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Man on Wire (PG-13) 2:05, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

Bottle Shock (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 7:20, 9:50

American Teen (PG-13) 4:10, 10:15

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Babylon A.D. (PG-13) 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30

College (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45

Disaster Movie (PG-13) 1:15, 4:00, 6:30, 9:10

Traitor (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00

The House Bunny (PG-13) 2:50, 5:20, 7:40, 9:55

The Longshots (PG) 6:20, 9:00

Death Race (R) (Closed caption) 1:40, 4:40, 7:30, 8:00, 10:10, 10:40

Clone Wars (PG) 12:45, 3:30

Mirrors (R) 1:00, 3:50, 6:40, 9:40

Tropic Thunder (R) 1:20, 2:00, 4:10, 4:50, 7:20, 7:50, 9:50, 10:30

Pineapple Exp (R) 2:30, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15

Mummy-Tomb (PG-13) 2:15, 5:00

The Dark Knight (PG-13) 12:20, 2:40, 3:40, 6:05, 7:00, 9:20, 10:20

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago  
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Traitor (PG-13) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40

Tropic Thunder (R) 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

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Disaster Movie (PG-13) 1:35, 2:55, 3:55, 5:10, 6:25, 7:20, 8:40, 9:40

Traitor (PG-13) 1:45, 4:20, 7:15, 9:55

Death Race (R) 1:20, 3:45, 4:30, 6:15, 7:25, 8:45, 9:50

The House Bunny (PG-13) 1:10, 3:25, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

The Longshots (PG) 2:30, 4:05, 5:00, 6:30, 7:10, 9:00, 9:45

The Rocker (PG-13) 1:05 P.M.

Clone Wars (PG) 2:35, 4:50

Mirrors (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00

Tropic Thunder (R) 2:00, 4:35, 7:00, 9:20

Mummy-Tomb (PG-13) 7:05, 9:35

The Dark Knight (PG-13) 3:05, 6:20, 9:30

WALL-E (G) 1:25 P.M.

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The Dark Knight (PG-13) 5:30, 8:30

Pineapple Exp (R) 5:10, 7:30, 10:15

Tropic Thunder (R) 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

Death Race (R) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

LOGAN THEATRE

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Mummy-Tomb (PG-13) 2:10, 4:15, 6:20, 8:30

Mamma Mia! (PG-13) 2:05, 4:10, 6:15, 8:20

WALL-E (G) 2:00, 4:00, 6:05, 8:10

Hancock (PG-13) 2:15, 4:20, 6:30, 8:40

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Grocer's Son (NR) 5:40, 7:40, 9:40

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AMC Select Hamlet 2 (R) 3:45, 5:55, 8:15

AMC Select I.O.U.S.A. (PG) 2:30 P.M.

AMC Select Sixty Six (PG-13) 3:20, 5:30

AMC Select Transsiberian (R) 4:45 P.M.

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Babylon A.D. (PG-13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:35, 10:25

College (R) 2:10, 4:30, 7:05, 9:35

Traitor (PG-13) 1:25, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

AMC Select Hamlet 2 (R) 3:20, 5:40, 8:20, 10:40

Death Race (R) 1:15, 3:45, 4:45, 6:30, 7:30, 9:15, 10:15

The House Bunny (PG-13) 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:35

The Rocker (PG-13) 1:00 P.M.

Fly Me 3-D (G) 2:50, 7:45

Clone Wars (PG) 1:35, 4:05

Tropic Thunder (R) 1:15, 2:15, 4:15, 5:15, 7:15, 8:15, 10:15

AMC Select Elegy (R) 1:10, 4:00, 6:50, 9:30

Pineapple Exp (R) 2:30, 5:30, 8:30

Sisterhood-2 (PG-13) 1:20, 4:15, 7:15, 10:20

Mummy-Tomb (PG-13) 6:45, 9:30

Step Brothers (R) 3:25, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

The Dark Knight (PG-13) 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:20

Mamma Mia! (PG-13) 2:35, 5:10, 8:00, 10:45

Mamma Mia! (PG-13) 1:35, 4:35, 7:25, 10:20

Journey-Center (PG) 5:15, 10:10

WALL-E (G) 2:25 P.M.

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Babylon A.D. (PG-13) 2:15, 5:10, 7:45, 10:10

College (R) 1:00, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50

Disaster Movie (PG-13) 12:10, 2:50, 5:20, 7:40, 10:05

G - General audience PG - Parental guidance suggested  
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R - Restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian  
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Hamlet 2 (R) 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 10:20

Traitor (PG-13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00

The House Bunny (PG-13) 1:40, 4:00, 6:40, 9:30

The Longshots (PG) 2:20, 4:50, 8:00

Death Race (R) 1:10, 2:00, 3:40, 4:45, 6:30, 7:30, 9:40, 10:35

The Rocker (PG-13) 10:30

Clone Wars (PG) 12:30, 3:20, 6:20

Vicky Cristina (PG-13) 12:20, 3:10, 6:15, 8:45

Mirrors (R) 9:10

Mamma Mia (NR) 12:50, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45

Tropic Thunder (R) 12:00, 12:40, 2:40, 3:30, 5:15, 6:10, 7:50, 9:00, 10:40

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The Dark Knight (PG-13) 12:15, 3:20, 6:30, 9:40

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# On North Side, Palin is a hit before speech

## Chicago Tribune

Even before Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin took the stage to give her much-anticipated speech at the Republican National Convention, excerpts leaked online.

Eager for a sneak peek, members of the Chicago Young Republicans huddled around a laptop to read a few of the zingers Palin had in store, including a dig at Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama.

"I guess a small-town mayor is sort of like a community organizer, except that you have actual responsibilities," the excerpt read.

"Oh yeah, that's great," said Jeremy Rose, political director for the Chicago Young Republicans. "I think it hits the nail on the head. She has more executive experience than Obama and Biden combined."

While just about everyone else in this Wrigleyville neighborhood was either at the Chicago Cubs game or watching it at home, Arthur Gollizer and about 10 fellow Young Republicans were cheering on Palin.

"Oh, she has her hair down, I like it down," Jorie Sterne said. "She looks so nervous. She's totally fidgeting."

Keely Drukala, the group's president, is a Palin fan and said she doesn't understand why some in the media have been attacking her.

"She is very experienced and empowering to women," Drukala said.

Kevin DuJan, head of Democrats for McCain Illinois, likes Palin's reputation as a reformer, one who is willing to take on her own party and reach out to the other.

"The lady is phenomenal. As a Democrat, I feel safe with them in the White House," he said.

## Coming out swinging

### Chicago Tribune

**ST. PAUL** The "hockey mom" hit the national stage Wednesday night—with a series of body checks.

She rewarded the crowd with a series of quips directed at Democratic nominee Barack Obama.

"This is a man who has authored two memoirs but not a single major law or reform—not even in the state Senate," Palin taunted in a deadpan delivery. "This is a man who can give an entire speech about the wars America is fighting, and never use the word 'victory' except when he's talking about his own campaign."

She also defended her relative lack of political experience—mayor of a small town, then less than two years as Alaska governor—by swiping at one of Obama's first jobs out of college. "I guess a small-town mayor is sort of like a 'community organizer,'" she said, "except that you have actual responsibilities."



# Palin stands tall

## After roller-coaster week, Alaska gov steps into national spotlight

### Associated Press

**ST. PAUL** Greeted by thunderous applause, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin presented herself to the Republican National Convention on Wednesday, and millions of Americans watching from home, as a small-town outsider ready to join John McCain's ticket in waging "a tough fight in this election against confident opponents at a crucial hour for our country."

"I will be honored to accept the nomination for vice president of the United States," she said in the convention's most anticipated speech.

With those words, the crowd roared, and the flashes of thousands of cameras reflected off her glasses.

It was the crowning moment of a roller-coaster week in

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What did you think of Gov. Palin's speech Wednesday night? E-mail us at [ritaredeye@tribune.com](mailto:ritaredeye@tribune.com). Please include your name, age, neighborhood and photo.



which the first woman ever on a Republican presidential ticket has faced questions about how closely the McCain campaign scrutinized her.

She also has heard a wide range of inquiries about family issues, her policy positions and her record of public service.

Palin took crowd-delighting swipes at Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama and what she called the "Washington elite."

To the media that had closely examined her record, she said:





Sarah Palin speaks Wednesday night at the Republican National Convention. AP



## POLITICAL JOKESTERS

Late-night comics tread lightly when referring to the pregnancy of Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin's unwed daughter. Many of them even made John Edwards the butt of the joke. Here's a look at what they had to say Tuesday night.

**David Letterman:** "Here's good news, ladies and gentlemen. The Palin family crisis that we were talking about on Sunday and Monday, that has been solved now and, today, the baby is being adopted by Angelina Jolie."

**Jay Leno:** "Gov. Palin announced over the weekend that her 17-year-old unmarried daughter is five months' pregnant. And you thought John Edwards was in trouble before! Now he has really done it."

**Craig Ferguson:** "I don't think that a young lady getting pregnant should even be news. Unless John Edwards is the father. Then that is kinda news."

**Conan O'Brien:** "We should never have introduced her to John Edwards." AP

"Here's a little news flash for all those reporters and commentators: I'm not going to Washington to seek their good opinion. I'm going to Washington to serve the people of this country."

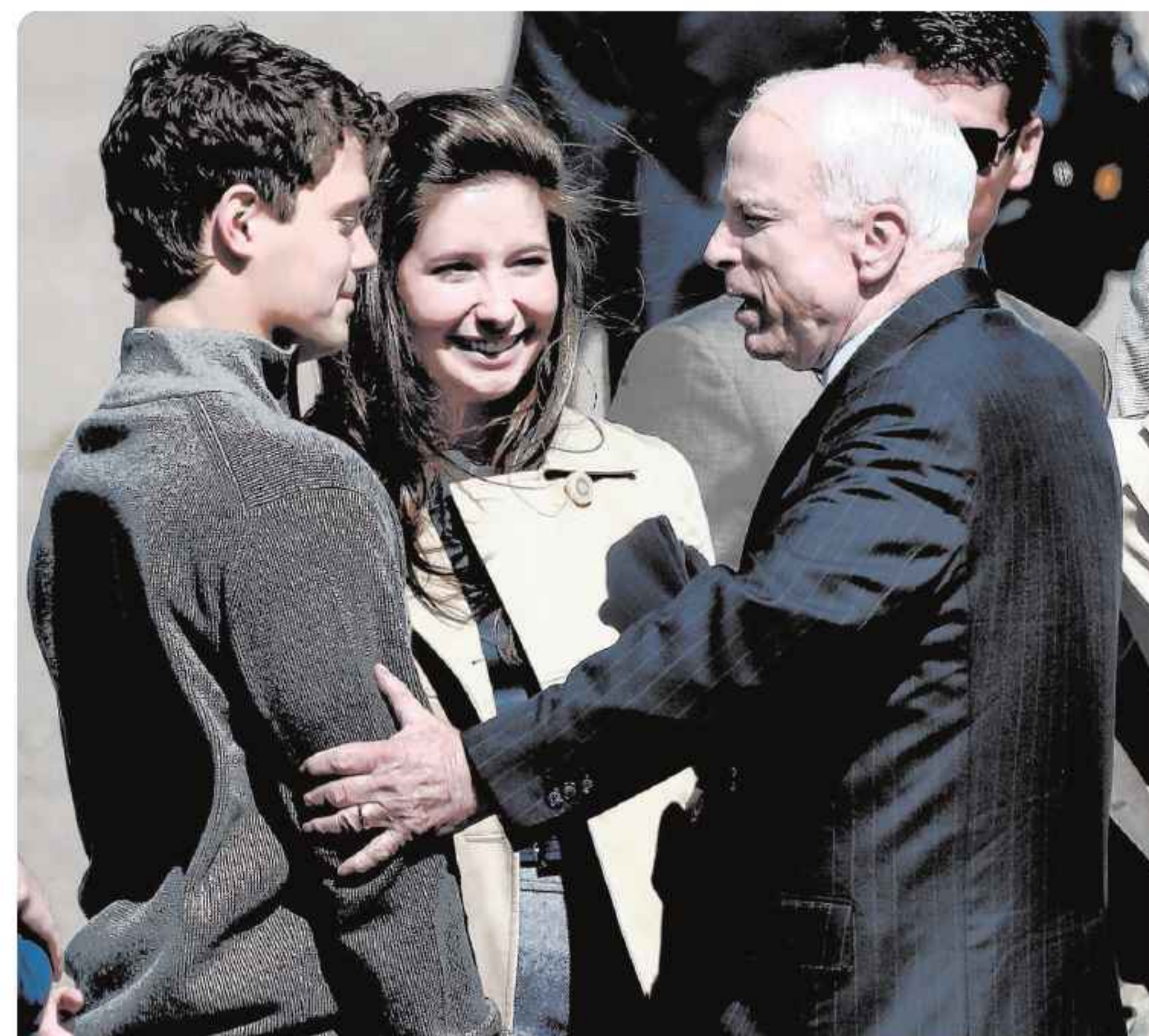
Selected by McCain last Friday, Palin addressed the convention amid questions about her qualifications and relative lack of experience.

The first-term governor had top billing at the convention on a night delegates also lined up for a noisy roll call of the states to deliver their presidential nomination to McCain.

Watching her from inside the convention hall were members of Palin's family, including husband Todd, and their children, including 17-year-old Bristol Palin, whom the Palins disclosed earlier in the week was five months' pregnant. Bristol Palin's 18-year-old boyfriend and apparent fiancé, Levi Johnston, was seated with them.

McCain shook up the presidential race by picking Palin, a little-known governor with less than two years in office. Since then, a bright spotlight has been trained on the life and record of the Republican governor who has bucked the state's political establishment.

She vowed to help McCain, saying "he's a man who's there to serve his country and not just his party."



John McCain speaks with Bristol Palin and her boyfriend Levi Johnston. GETTY IMAGES

# A political family affair

**ST. PAUL** From the moment he stepped off his campaign plane Wednesday, John McCain's arrival in the Twin Cities for the Republican National Convention was a family affair.

Greeting McCain on the tarmac at the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport were his wife, Cindy, and other members of his family. Also on hand were family members of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, the person he chose just

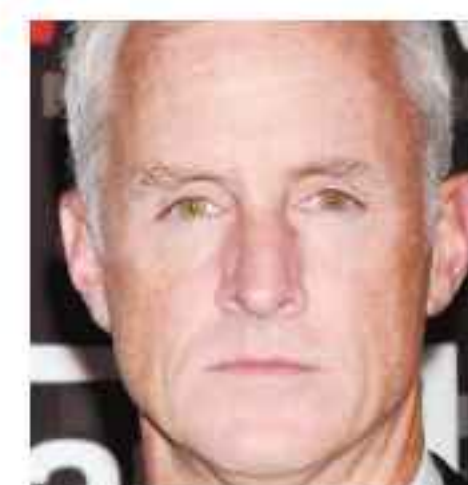
last Friday to be his running mate.

Hugs and handshakes abounded, with two hugs between McCain and Palin's 17-year-old daughter, Bristol, and a handshake with her boyfriend, the father of the baby, 18-year-old Levi Johnston.

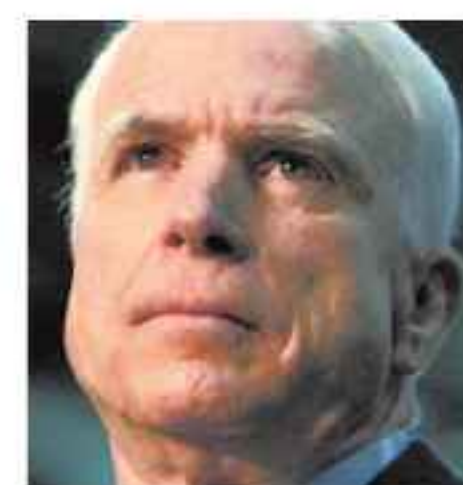
McCain also kissed Sarah Palin's 4-month-old son, Trig. The politically paired families then boarded a campaign bus and headed into town. AP

## CONVENTION CASTING CALL

This GOP ticket has so much drama and intrigue that it could be the subject of a movie. And RedEye has the perfect cast.



➤ John Slattery as John McCain



➤ Megan Mullally as Sarah Palin



➤ Paul Konerko as Todd Palin





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## Residents can't stop soccer field in Lincoln Park

### Chicago Tribune

After stopping the private Latin School from building a soccer field in Lincoln Park, a group of residents was unable to stop the Chicago Park District from moving forward to complete the project on its own.

On Wednesday, a Cook County Circuit judge denied Protect Our Parks' emergency motion to stop the Park District from holding a special meeting later in the day. Then at the meeting, park commissioners voted unanimously to finish the field and reimburse Latin School up to \$2 million in costs incurred installing the artificial-turf field.

Tom Tresser, president of Protect Our Parks, the residents' group that initially filed suit in April against the Park District and Latin School, sarcastically congratulated the mayor for appointing "hacks and cronies" to oversee agencies such as the Park District.

"Your appointees to these bodies have shown us that clout and law-breaking is what drives policy decisions in your administration," Tresser said, directing his comments to the mayor, who appoints commissioners to the Park Board.

Park Board President Gery J. Chico said the commissioners have a difficult role balancing the need for passive spaces and active uses in Chicago parks.

"I don't agree that we're lackeys for Mayor Daley," Chico said. "Mayor Daley doesn't order me to do anything."

Protect Our Parks also offered to give the Park District up to \$100,000 to restore the soccer field back to an open meadow. But Chico wondered how this deal was any different than having Latin School build the field in exchange for priority use by its students.

### SCHOOL'S OUT

Gov. Blagojevich's mysterious decision to give \$1 million to a politically connected private school hit another glitch Wednesday when city officials said new elementary classrooms built with the money were not fit for students.

Hours after the Tribune broke the news to the governor, his administration indicated it was moving to recover the ill-fated grant the governor promised the school.

The city's findings add new intrigue to the controversy over how Blagojevich steered \$1 million to the family-run school after a devastating 2006 fire destroyed the Pilgrim Baptist Church, where the school held classes.

Among the nagging questions is why Blagojevich promised taxpayer money to the school and whether state officials properly monitored how the money was spent.



Olympic softball players Jessica Mendoza (left) and Laura Berg walk to the stage Wednesday at Millennium Park to appear with other U.S. Olympic medalists on the 23rd season premiere of "The Oprah Winfrey Show." **MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE**

# Help, with a capital 'O'

## Oprah hosts Olympians as she tries to bring 2016 Games to Chicago

### Associated Press

Oprah Winfrey has turned obscure books into best-sellers, an obscure and balding psychologist into a TV star named Dr. Phil and somehow got Tom Cruise to jump on her couch.

Now, in what could be bad news for Tokyo, Rio De Janeiro and Madrid, the TV icon is trying to help Chicago win the 2016 Olympic Games—and brought more than 170 American medalists in the Beijing Games to town Wednesday to help.

Swimmers Michael Phelps and Dara Torres, gymnasts Shawn Johnson and Nastia Liukin, beach volleyball players Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh and others joined Winfrey to tape her season premiere of "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

The show, which will air on Monday, was at once a welcome home for the athletes, a pep rally for the U.S. and a commercial for Chicago. And Winfrey made no secret that she hopes the city—led by Mayor Daley, who was in the audience—is awarded the Games.

The International Olympic Committee will select the host city next year.

"Great city, my kind of town, Chicago," Winfrey yelled before the 6,000 fans who crammed into Millennium Park drowned out

part of a sentence that ended with the words, "come to Chicago for the 2016 Games."

Winfrey's fans said they have no doubt that the talk-show star can help bring the Games to Chicago.

"I think a lot of people watch, lots of people admire her and she's a good promoter for Chicago," said David Ritchie, 56, who came from his home in the Dallas area to watch the show.

One fan sounded amazed that anyone could even wonder if Winfrey had that kind of clout.

"Well, she's Oprah, she can do whatever she wants, basically," said Deb Ullrich, who flew with her niece for the show from Columbus, Ohio.

Organizers for the city's bid certainly hope so.

"Oprah is a global icon and a global Chicago icon," said Chicago 2016 spokesman Patrick Sandusky. "So, for her to embrace the Olympic movement like this, it only helps us in a fantastic way."

Harpo Productions says Winfrey's program airs in 140 countries, including Spain and Brazil, but not in Japan.

Wednesday's show might air in some of those countries, but it could be weeks or months from now, Harpo officials said.

### PHELPS IN TOWN TOO

The thought of wearing a skintight swimsuit in public makes many people cringe.

But gold medal swimmer Michael Phelps said he wouldn't be surprised if he dons his Speedo when he hosts the Sept. 13 season premiere of "Saturday Night Live."

"I'd probably be more comfortable," Phelps joked in an interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Phelps was in Chicago to tape the season premiere of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" with a host of other Olympians and to show off his support for the city's bid for the 2016 Summer Olympics.

Chicago Olympic organizers are banking on the international attention Phelps brings to the city's bid. And Phelps is ready to work to convince the International Olympic Committee the city should get the games.

"I'll do anything I can do, anything I can do to help," he said, with his lanky swimmer's body cloaked in a Chicago 2016 polo shirt and jeans. **AP**



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# 3 children die in blaze

Mother also hospitalized in overnight fire at suburban housing complex



**Jordan Robinson**

## WHAT HAPPENED?

The fire started about 11:50 p.m. Tuesday in the ground-floor living room of Ebony Tiggs' three-bedroom apartment at the Robert Allison housing development in the 7400 block of West 63rd Place.

An 8-year-old girl and her two brothers, ages 3 and 1, were killed in an overnight blaze at a housing complex in southwest suburban Summit, possibly after the children's mother fell asleep while a candle was burning, authorities said Wednesday morning.

The victims were identified as Jordan Robinson, 8, Cory Robinson, 3, and Cameron Robinson, 1, the Cook County medical examiner's office said.

The children's mother, Ebony Tiggs, 25, also was found injured and

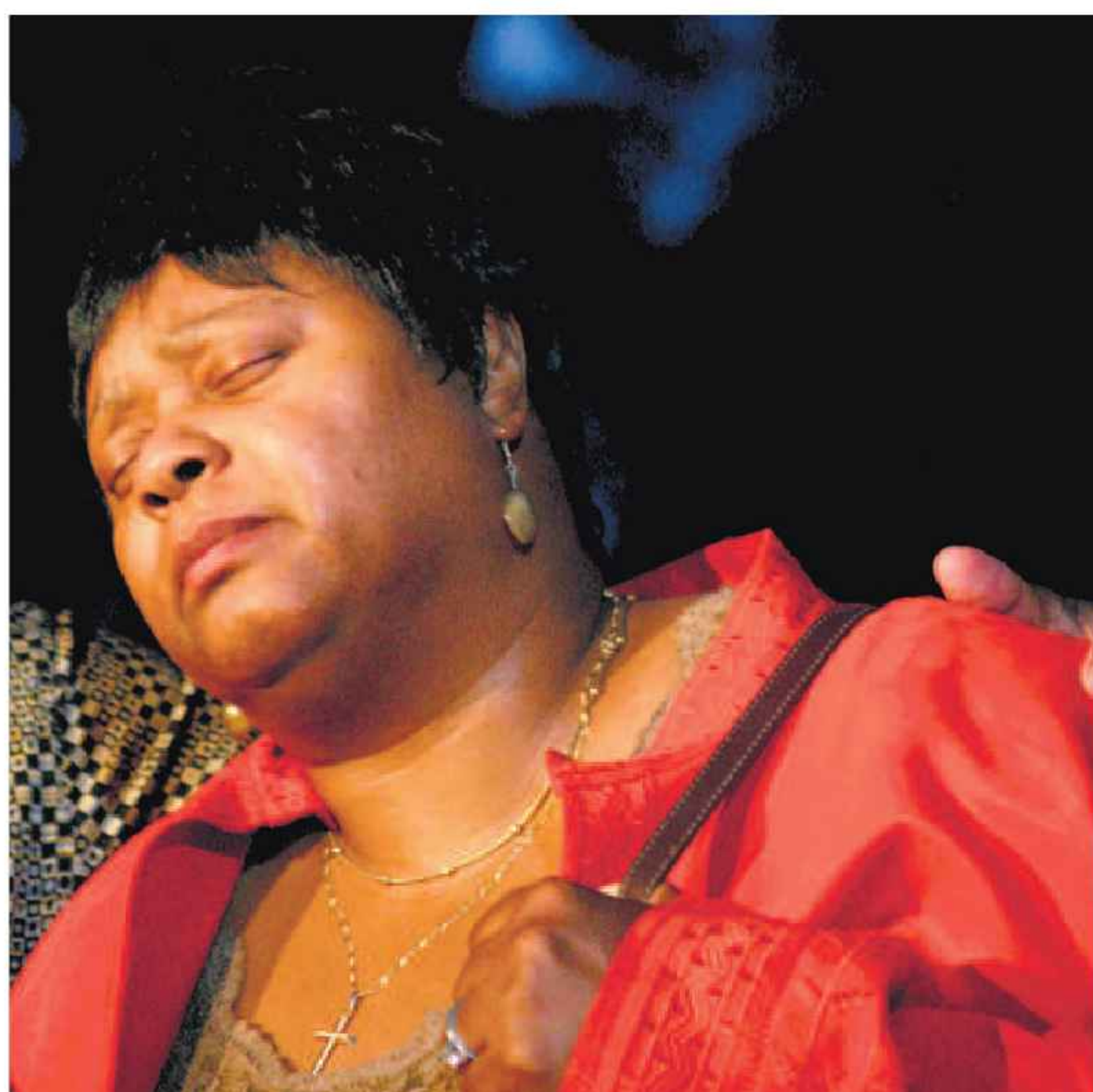
taken to Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital in La Grange, where she was listed in good condition, a hospital spokesman said.

Summit Fire Chief Robert Wasko said Tiggs told officials she lit a candle while cleaning the house Tuesday evening and eventually went upstairs to watch TV and fell asleep without putting out the candle. She was awakened by one of her children and said there was smoke everywhere and the fire detectors were going off, Wasko said.

He said the fire still was under investigation.

Firefighters arrived in less than six minutes, but couldn't rescue the children.

"We tried to get in, but we had to back out because the fire was so intense," Wasko said.



Diana Tiggs, grandmother of the three children who perished in a fire overnight, holds vigil in front of the site of the blaze Wednesday evening. **E. JASON WAMBGANS / TRIBUNE**

Witnesses and fire officials said the mother escaped by jumping naked from a second-story window and may have suffered burns to her arm trying to save her children.

Neighbors came running as the mother screamed, "Help my babies, help my babies!" and tried to douse the fire with a garden hose, witnesses said.

"I never thought when I took the kids over

there that I wouldn't see them no more," said Lashon Armstrong, 41, the children's babysitter, as she stood across the street from the burned-out apartment, staring in disbelief.

"Look at that apartment," she said, pointing out the remnants of Jordan's pink bunk bed, where Cameron liked to crawl in and nap with her. "Look at that apartment. Do you see that apartment?"

## Man charged in kitten attack

A Logan Square man was held in lieu of \$40,000 bail Wednesday on charges of aggravated animal cruelty after he flung a 2-month-old kitten from a second-story porch because he said it had scratched him, authorities said. The kitten suffered a broken pelvis. Wayne Evans, 49, of the 3700 block of West Dickens Avenue was arrested Monday after police responding to a call of animal abuse found the kitten lying in the street, police said.

## 'Springer' producer leaves

Richard Dominick, longtime executive producer of "The Jerry Springer Show" and more recently "The Steve Wilkos Show," has left the syndicated programs. Both shows are produced at Chicago's NBC Tower. A spokesman for NBC Universal confirmed the departure late Tuesday night. Dominick is leaving as station groups have urged NBC Universal to make the show less exploitative. Dominick had been Springer's executive producer since 1994. He helped launch Wilkos' show last fall.

## Former city worker pleads guilty

A former plumbing inspector for Chicago's Buildings Department pleaded guilty Wednesday to lying to a postal inspector as part of a federal investigation of bribery. Eric Reyes, 41, admitted that he knowingly made false statements. Reyes tried to get a letter of intent from a licensed plumber to accompany a permit for a multiunit building that a co-worker, Miguel Diaz, was handling, authorities said. When a postal inspector questioned him about it, Reyes said that was not true.

## Meeks calls off school boycott

James Meeks (D-Chicago) called off his two-day boycott of Chicago Public Schools late Wednesday, saying he was heeding Gov. Blagojevich's admonition that he wouldn't discuss Illinois school funding while students were kept out of classes.

"We've decided to call the boycott off, to call the governor's bluff and to seek a meeting with him (Thursday) so that our kids can return to school," Meeks said at a late-evening news conference at King High School on the South Side, flanked by Chicago ministers.

## Call to fight violence

Expressing solidarity with public schools in their fight against violence, Chicago's Roman Catholic educators on Wednesday condemned the recent spate of student killings and issued a peace pledge with new plans to curb conflicts inside their own schools and communities.

Catholic schools Supt. Sister Mary Paul McCaughey said the idea for a peace pledge came about last spring after several students told teachers they had lost friends to shootings and gang violence. New programs in Catholic schools also will focus on how students can stem bullying and resolve disputes without violence.

## 'Future' is now at Museum of Science and Industry

A new exhibit gallery at the Museum of Science and Industry intends to put brand-new inventions in front of the public to examine and ponder before they either succeed or fail in the marketplace of ideas and goods.

Quietly opened to the public Wednesday, "Fast Forward ... Inventing the Future" features 11 inventors and their ideas. The museum will periodically update and replace the displays with new people and new ideas to

keep it fresh, said Kathleen McCarthy, the museum's director of collections.

Among the ideas now on display are a locally invented machine that prints edible paper, proposed gigantic towers that could be built in urban areas to grow food on hydroponic farms for city dwellers, proposed medical procedures that might keep individuals healthy and active for hundreds of years, a three-wheel electric car already beginning to be sold, and "hug" T-shirts

with embedded sensors that allow people to send the feeling of an embrace across town or across the world via cell phone.

"We aren't trying to look far into the future, like showing proposals of terraforming Mars," said McCarthy.

"We wanted to focus on technologies developed now that could have impact on our world in the near future. The exhibit celebrates the creative spirit."



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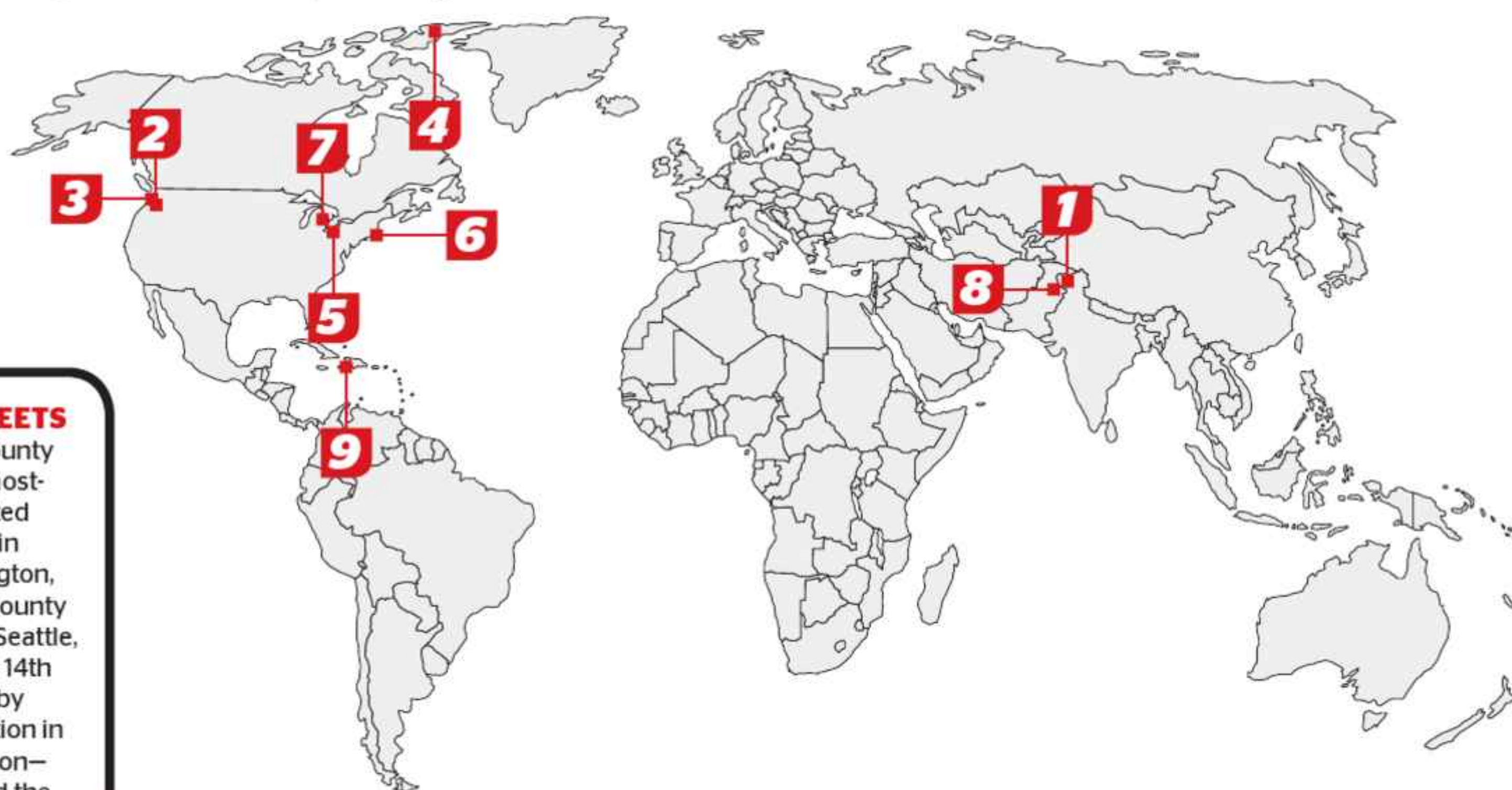
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## Ramadan prayer

**1** A Kashmiri Muslim woman prays Wednesday inside a grand mosque in Srinagar, India. Muslims around the world are observing the holy month of Ramadan, abstaining from food and drink from dawn until dusk. AP



### THE DEETS

King County — the most-populated county in Washington, with a county seat of Seattle, and the 14th largest by population in the nation—adopted the logo in 2006 and unveiled it the next year. It features a striking profile of King in a black and white silhouette. King County had been originally christened after former U.S. vice president William Rufus DeVane King, a slave owner.

## Garbage bags with MLK's face thrown out

**2 SEATTLE** More than two years after his face was adopted as the official logo for King County, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s profile is on voter ballot envelopes, on buses, at the county council chambers, and prominently displayed on the county's Web site.

But officials were concerned about one place they felt wasn't appropriate for the slain civil rights leader's likeness—the county's trash bags.

The bags were quietly pulled from use earlier this summer, even though no one from the public had complained. The pre-emptive move opened a window into the delicate decisions officials have made after King County adopted the face of the revered figure as its official emblem.

"It's new territory," said Carolyn Duncan, the county's communications director.

The possibility of plastering King's face on mundane county items like trash bins or prisoner uniforms raised eyebrows among county officials when the proposal was approved. The old logo was a generic crown.

Her challenge: to maintain the county brand, without splashing King's face on something that's demeaning to King's history.

"Some of the things that people were concerned about were if the logo was on the floor, if the logo was on garbage cans or dumpsters," Duncan said. "It seemed unseemly to have an icon like Dr. King, to have his image on something like a waste bin at a park."



### 3 Rampage kills 6

A shooting rampage in which six people were killed in a series of confrontations from a tiny town to the state's busiest highway ended with the surrender of a troubled man who was recently released from jail, authorities in Alger, Wash., said Wednesday. AP

### 4 Ice, ice, baby

A chunk of ice shelf nearly the size of Manhattan has broken away from Ellesmere Island in Canada's northern Arctic, another dramatic indication of how warmer temperatures are changing the polar frontier, scientists said Wednesday.

### 5 Pizza plot

A man admitted Wednesday he helped plan a bizarre 2003 bank robbery in Erie, Pa., that ended with the death of a pizza deliveryman with a collar-bomb strapped to his neck.

### 6 Club settles

The owners of The Station nightclub in West Warwick, R.I., where a 2003 fire killed 100 people have reached a tentative \$813,000 settlement with survivors and relatives of those killed, the latest in a flurry of agreements made in the last year to resolve lawsuits over the deadly blaze.

### 7 Mayor hearing

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm opened a hearing Wednesday to determine whether Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick committed misconduct and should be removed from office in a scandal over steamy text messages and a multimillion-dollar legal settlement. Prosecutors said a plea deal is expected soon.

### 8 PM under fire

Snipers fired on the motorcade for Pakistan's prime minister on Wednesday as it drove to the airport to pick up the premier, striking his car window at least twice, officials in Islamabad said.

### 9 Hanna hits Haiti

Far-reaching Tropical Storm Hanna drenched flood-plagued Haiti on Wednesday, adding to the miseries of a country that has lost more than 100 lives to mudslides and flooding since mid-August.

### DIGIT

## \$1 BILLION

Amount in economic aid the Bush administration plans to send to ex-Soviet republic Georgia.



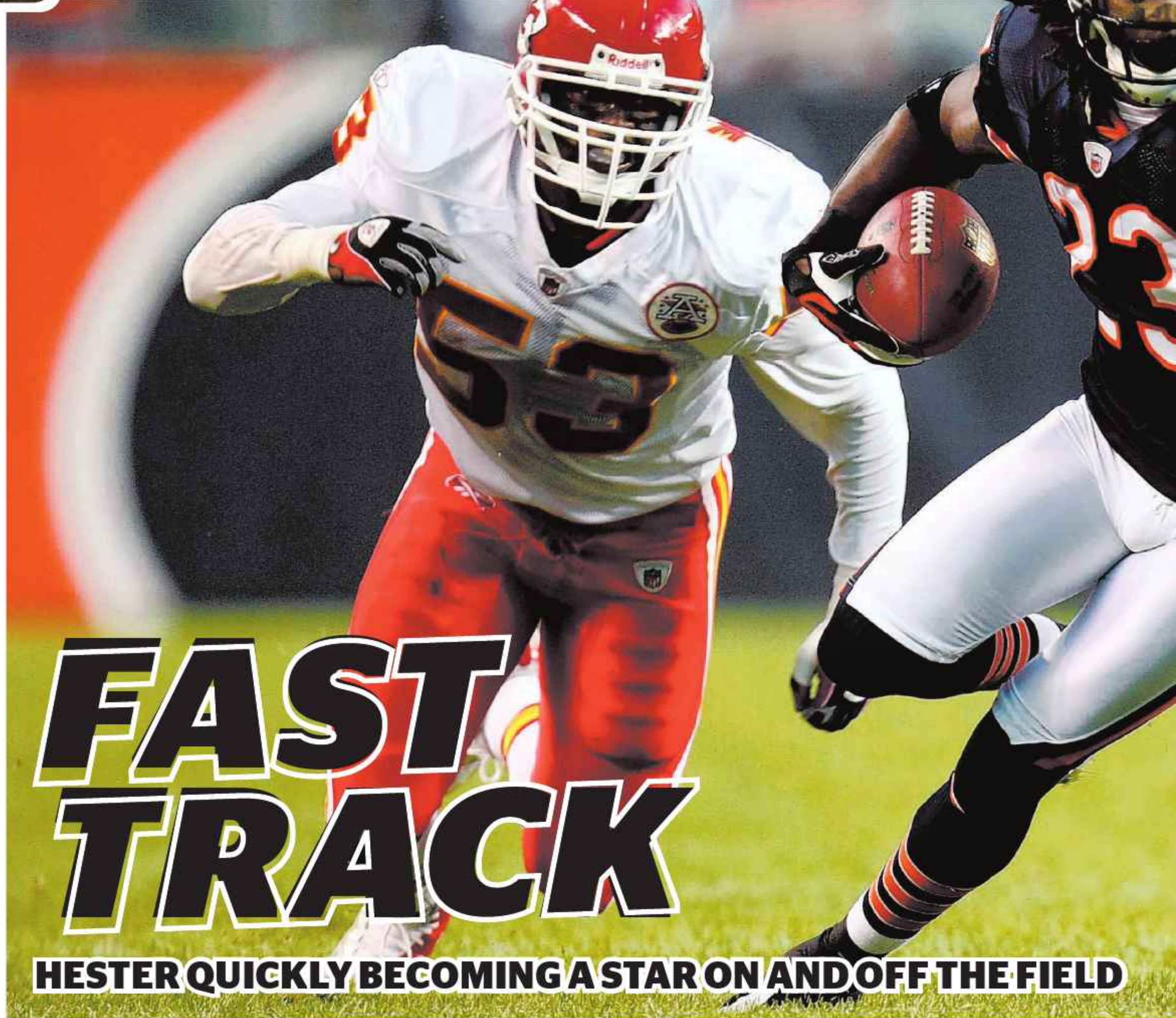
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### BEARS ROSTER

| No.                      | Name               | Exp. | College           |
|--------------------------|--------------------|------|-------------------|
| <b>QUARTERBACKS</b>      |                    |      |                   |
| 8                        | Rex Grossman       | 6    | Florida           |
| 12                       | Caleb Hanie        | R    | Colorado St.      |
| 18                       | Kyle Orton         | 4    | Purdue            |
| <b>FULLBACKS</b>         |                    |      |                   |
| 37                       | Jason McKie        | 7    | Temple            |
| 39                       | Lousaka Polite     | 4    | Pittsburgh        |
| <b>RUNNING BACKS</b>     |                    |      |                   |
| 22                       | Matt Forte         | R    | Tulane            |
| 27                       | Kevin Jones        | 5    | Virginia Tech     |
| 29                       | Adrian Peterson    | 7    | Ga. Southern      |
| 25                       | Garrett Wolfe      | 2    | N. Illinois       |
| <b>WIDE RECEIVERS</b>    |                    |      |                   |
| 85                       | Earl Bennett       | R    | Vanderbilt        |
| 86                       | Marty Booker       | 10   | La.-Monroe        |
| 16                       | Mark Bradley       | 4    | Oklahoma          |
| 81                       | Rashied Davis      | 4    | San Jose St.      |
| 80                       | Brandon Lloyd      | 6    | Illinois          |
| <b>TIGHT ENDS</b>        |                    |      |                   |
| 88                       | Desmond Clark      | 10   | Wake Forest       |
| 87                       | Kellen Davis       | R    | Michigan St.      |
| 82                       | Greg Olsen         | 2    | Miami             |
| <b>OFFENSIVE LINEMEN</b> |                    |      |                   |
| 72                       | Chester Adams      | R    | Georgia           |
| 69                       | Kirk Barton        | R    | Ohio State        |
| 67                       | Josh Beekman       | 2    | Boston College    |
| 72                       | Dan Buenning       | 4    | Wisconsin         |
| 63                       | Roberto Garza      | 8    | TX A&M-Kingsville |
| 57                       | Olin Kreutz        | 11   | Washington        |
| 60                       | Terrence Metcalf   | 7    | Mississippi       |
| 78                       | John St. Clair     | 9    | Virginia          |
| 76                       | John Tait          | 10   | Brigham Young     |
| 74                       | Chris Williams     | R    | Vanderbilt        |
| <b>DEFENSIVE LINEMEN</b> |                    |      |                   |
| 95                       | Anthony Adams      | 6    | Penn State        |
| 97                       | Mark Anderson      | 3    | Alabama           |
| 96                       | Alex Brown         | 7    | Florida           |
| 98                       | Dusty Dvoracek     | 3    | Oklahoma          |
| 91                       | Tommie Harris      | 5    | Oklahoma          |
| 94                       | Marcus Harrison    | R    | Arkansas          |
| 71                       | Israel Idonije     | 5    | Manitoba          |
| 93                       | Adewale Ogunleye   | 8    | Indiana           |
| 75                       | Matt Toeaina       | 1    | Oregon            |
| <b>LINEBACKERS</b>       |                    |      |                   |
| 55                       | Lance Briggs       | 6    | Arizona           |
| 92                       | Hunter Hillenmeyer | 6    | Vanderbilt        |
| 58                       | Darrell McClover   | 5    | Miami             |
| 53                       | Nick Roach         | 1    | Northwestern      |
| 54                       | Brian Urlacher     | 9    | New Mexico        |
| 52                       | Jamar Williams     | 3    | Arizona St.       |
| <b>SAFETIES</b>          |                    |      |                   |
| 30                       | Mike Brown         | 9    | Nebraska          |
| 38                       | Danieal Manning    | 3    | Abilene Christian |
| 36                       | Brandon McGowan    | 4    | Maine             |
| 44                       | Kevin Payne        | 2    | Louisiana-Monroe  |
| 20                       | Craig Steltz       | R    | LSU               |
| <b>CORNERBACKS</b>       |                    |      |                   |
| 21                       | Corey Graham       | 2    | New Hampshire     |
| 26                       | Trumaine McBride   | 2    | Ole Miss          |
| 33                       | Charles Tillman    | 6    | La.-Lafayette     |
| 31                       | Nathan Vasher      | 5    | Texas             |
| <b>SPECIALISTS</b>       |                    |      |                   |
| 9                        | Robbie Gould       | 4    | Penn State        |
| 23                       | Devin Hester       | 3    | Miami             |
| 65                       | Patrick Mannelly   | 11   | Duke              |
| 4                        | Brad Maynard       | 12   | Ball State        |



# FAST TRACK

**HESTER QUICKLY BECOMING A STAR ON AND OFF THE FIELD**

### By Tracy Swartz

REDEYE

Which is faster: Devin Hester or his rise to fame?

Consider this: The Bears' return-specialist-cum-wide-receiver was the first player to earn a perfect 100 speed rating in the history of the Madden video game. His speed, combined with his vision and ability to anticipate, have helped him break several NFL records, including kick returns for touchdowns (four punt, two kickoff) in a season and return touchdowns in his first two NFL seasons (12).

So it's no surprise the Windy City Flier landed a deal in July with Under Armour for a TV spot that focused on speed and performance. Hester also ranks No. 12 in NFL jersey sales since April, a dip from No. 10 in 2007, though that was the year he returned a kickoff 92 yards for an electrifying touchdown to open the Super Bowl against the Indianapolis Colts.

This year's waning jersey sales may signal a rare slowdown for Hester, who started his NFL career two years ago with a bang. The 25-year-old has the potential to continue his meteoric rise—unless the Bears continue to struggle, one sports marketing analyst said.

"I would classify Devin Hester as a regional star," said Keith Lambrecht, director of Loyola's sports management program. "I think some of the things that will help him be that rising star is the success of the Chicago Bears. If the team does well, obviously he's going to be doing well."

But ask Hester if he's concerned about his marketability or how he's going to top himself this year, and Hester just shrugs.

"It's just being consistent. My goal is just to be better than what I was the previous year," Hester told RedEye last week after Bears practice.

But 2007 could be tough to beat. Hester

returned 43 kickoffs for 934 yards and led the Bears with eight touchdowns.

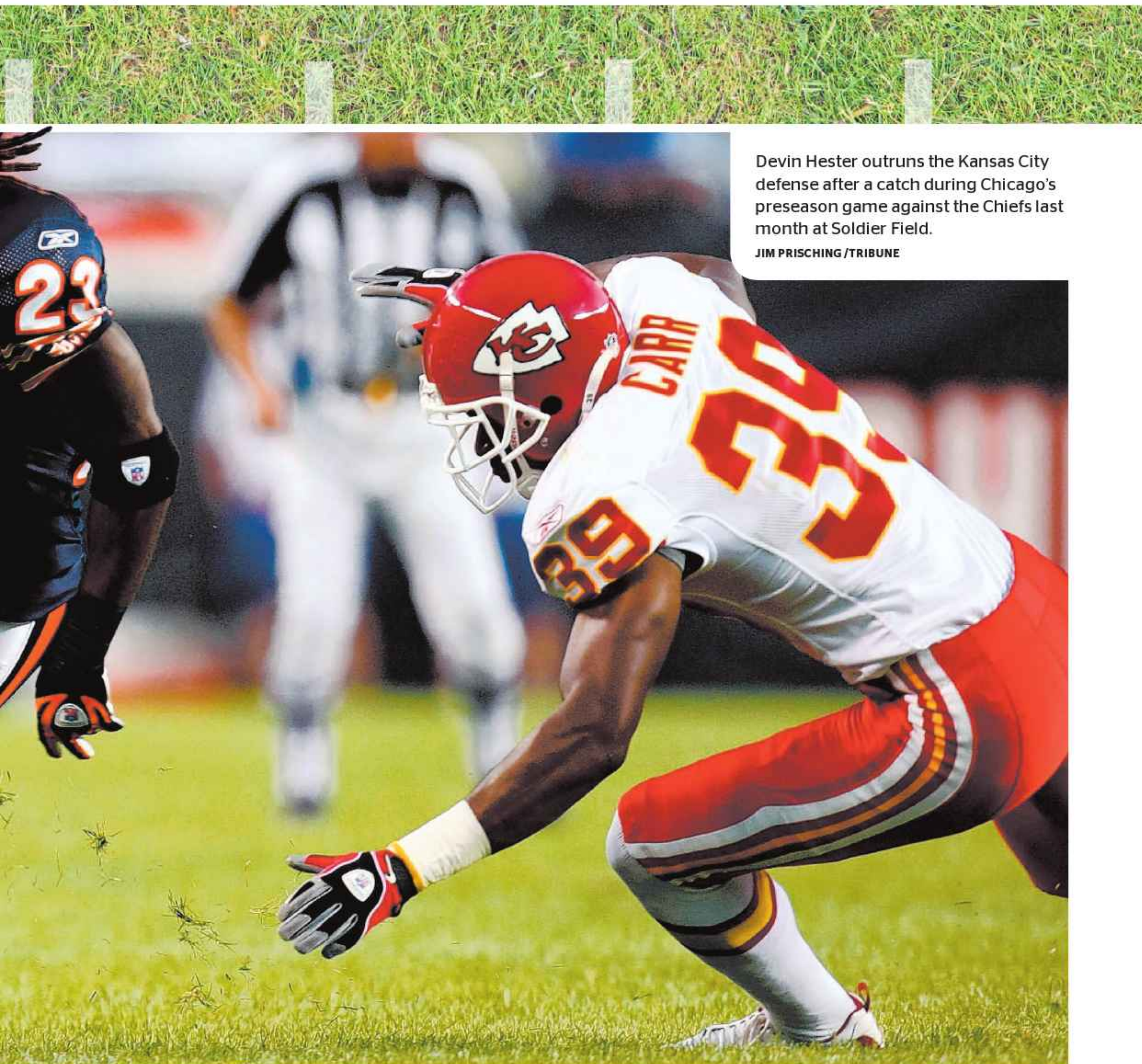
Last year, he also agreed to appear in a Campbell's Chunky Soup commercial with his mother and had a cameo in an NFL Network promo for the Bears-Redskins game. Hester said he accepts endorsement deals that "represent me" and "give me a lot of publicity."

The publicity paid off. In 2007, **nflshop.com** sold 8,760 Hester jerseys, including women's jerseys but not including jerseys customized with Hester on the back. From April 1, 2007, to March 31, Hester ranked 10th in jersey sales, just behind Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher, who placed ninth.

This year through Aug. 26, 2,826 Hester jerseys have been sold on **nflshop.com**. From April 1-Aug. 26, Hester is 12th in jersey sales, again just one behind Urlacher.

"I'm just trying to go out and play my ballgame," Hester said when asked about his jersey sales compared to Urlacher's





Devin Hester outruns the Kansas City defense after a catch during Chicago's preseason game against the Chiefs last month at Soldier Field.

JIM PRISCHING/TRIBUNE

## FOUR MINUTES WITH DEVIN HESTER

RedEye caught up with Devin Hester last week after practice and asked him about his time on and off the field. (He talks almost as fast as he runs.) **T.S.**

### On his transition to playing wide receiver:

"It's going pretty well. It's just opening up a lot of windows for me. It's giving me more opportunity to get my hands on the ball, and that's the most important thing. You go out and try to showcase your talent and try to help out a team as much as you can."

### On where he gets recognized in Chicago:

"Out in public. Basically everywhere I go now."

**On his free time:** "I just try to kind of lay back and kick it with my girl and my family."

**On playing himself in Madden 09:** "It's a little fun. But I'm not really into the game, so I played it a little bit and was kind of pleased with it."

**Cubs or Sox:** "Both."

"I just think there's an excitement to watching Hester," said Lobascio, 23, an event planner for Joe's sports bar in Lincoln Park. "I'd say Devin is the hit right now. He's what everyone is wearing and watching and loving."

Even more eyes will be on Hester this season as he transitions from return specialist to wide receiver. In July, he inked a four-year extension with the Bears reportedly worth up to \$40 million.

But the deal came after Hester sat out the first two days of training camp. Lambrecht said it's not often Hester has bad headlines in the media.

Lambrecht said Hester's under-the-radar status could work for and against him. But ultimately, his play on the field will determine whether he's a Chicago star or one of the NFL's greats.

"It's all hinged upon his performance this coming year," Lambrecht said. "The stars are lined up." **TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM**

good character on and off the field," he said.

Katelyn Lobascio of Lincoln Park has replaced her Urlacher jersey with a Hester jersey. Lobascio said she'd be "devastated" if Hester left the Bears.

# Running on empty

So, we get off the bus running the ball. Doesn't look like we have anyone to drive the bus, so we'll see how this works. We've got tons of running backs, all of which are pretty average. That's low praise considering this is the town of Payton and Sayers, but really, high praise considering this also is the town of Enis, Salaam and Benson. Let's break them down. (Hopefully they're not broken already.)



### KEVIN JONES

**The good:** He's tough. He's got some moves. Looked semi-productive in preseason.

**The bad:** Coming off knee surgery.

**The ugly:** His last name is Jones. The last time we had a Jones, we went to the Super Bowl. We traded that Jones away for a second-round pick who ultimately became Dan Bazuin or as I call him, Dan Bizarre. He was ultimately cut.

### MATT FORTE

**The good:** Tough, young rookie. Knows how to block and likes to block. That immediately puts him ahead of Cedric Benson.

**The bad:** He also suffered a knee injury at one point in his career.

**The ugly:** See: The bad. What is it around here? Can't we draft a healthy running back? And I mean healthy in mind, body and spirit?

### GARRETT WOLFE

**The good:** He played college ball locally, at Northern Illinois.

**The bad:** He's too tiny, and he has yet to make an impact.

**The ugly:** Makes up for being too small by being too slow.

### ADRIAN PETERSON

**The good:** He shares his name with Viking stud RB Adrian Peterson.

**The bad:** The other Adrian Peterson is way better than ours.

**The ugly:** Why can't we have that Adrian Peterson?

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numbers.

But he added that he's pleased when a fan wears his jersey.

"It's a great feeling that you have a lot of guys that represent you as a player and just want to go out and show that you have





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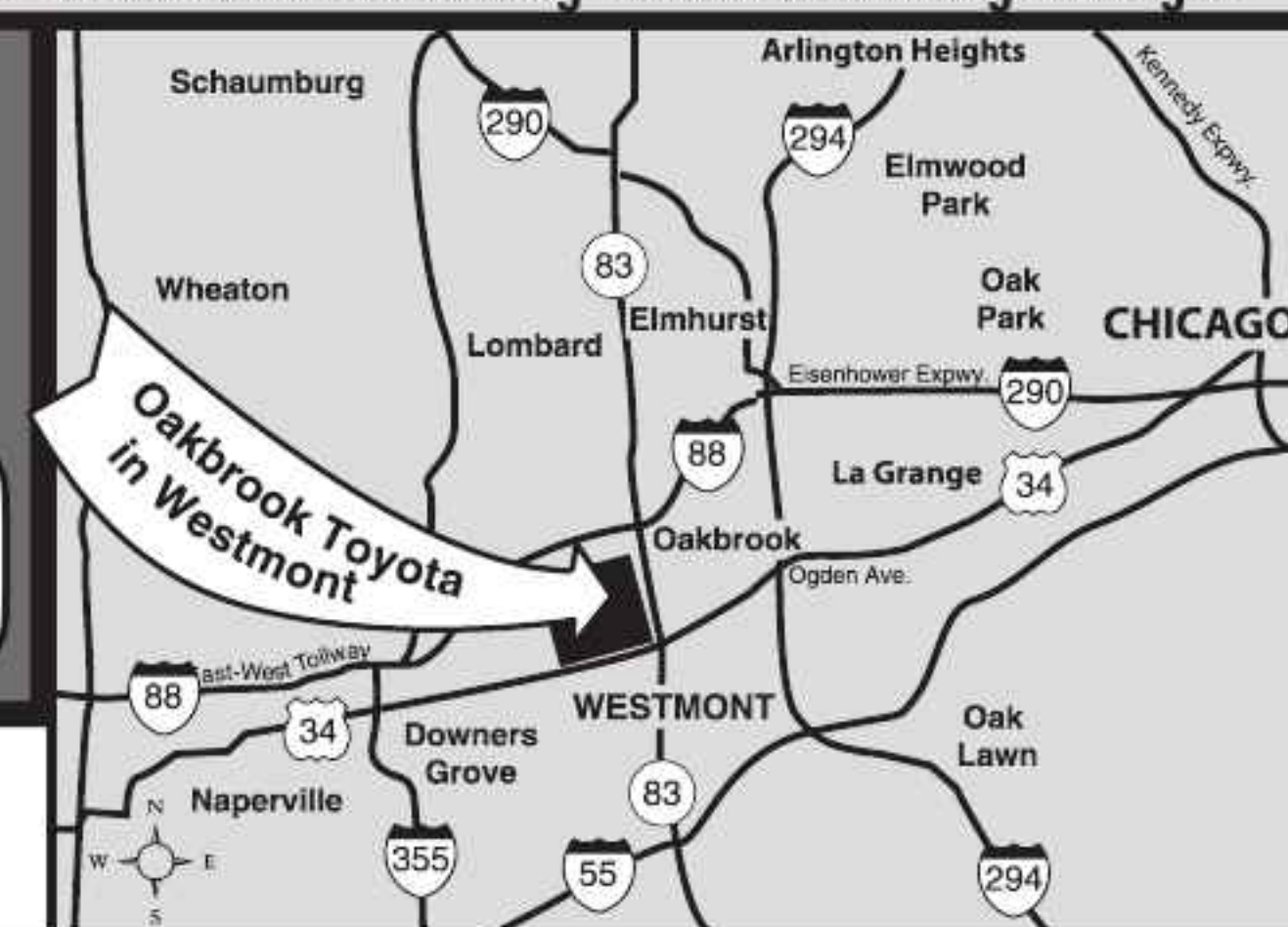
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# Scruff enough

I'm so glad the Bears promoted Kyle Orton to starting quarterback this season. Now, I won't be the only one in town with a bad neck

beard. I am, however, putting my neck on the line and predicting Orton and Co.'s season. Like our beards, it ain't pretty.

## WEEK 1

Sunday @ Indianapolis, 7:15 p.m. NBC

Welcome to the regular season, Bears. We'd like you to meet Peyton Manning and the Super Bowl champs from 2007. **SCORE:** L, 34-3 **RECORD:** 0-1

## WEEK 2

Sept. 14 @ Carolina, noon Fox

QB Jake Delhomme is injured about as often as Rex Grossman. Too bad it's only Week 2. He'll be healthy. Bears won't. **SCORE:** L, 23-17 **RECORD:** 0-2

## WEEK 3

Sept. 21 vs. Tampa Bay, noon Fox

Finally, a home game. Too bad it pits one of the league's better D's against Orton. **SCORE:** L, 19-17 **RECORD:** 0-3

## WEEK 4

Sept. 28 vs. Philadelphia, 7:15 p.m. NBC

The Eagles are pretty much Donovan McNabb, Brian Westbrook and a bunch of CFL rejects. Orton should shine. **SCORE:** W, 27-13 **RECORD:** 1-3

## WEEK 5

Oct. 5 @ Detroit, noon Fox

Jon Kitna knows how to light up the Bears. Even Devin Hester can't pull this one out. **SCORE:** L, 31-14 **RECORD:** 1-4

## WEEK 6

Oct. 12 @ Atlanta, noon Fox

The Falcons still are trying to recover from losing Michael Vick. I warned ya about messing with dogs, didn't I? **SCORE:** W, 27-20 **RECORD:** 2-4

## WEEK 7

Oct. 19 vs. Minnesota, noon Fox

Remember when the Vikings' Adrian Peterson ran all over the Bears last season? No? Watch this game. **SCORE:** L, 30-12 **RECORD:** 2-5

## WEEK 8

Oct. 26 - BYE

## WEEK 9

Nov. 2 vs. Detroit, noon Fox

Grossman should probably be starting at QB again about now. Lions begin their fade to the playoffs. **SCORE:** W, 24-10 **RECORD:** 3-5



*It could get hairy for the Bears this season*

WHIZZER, redeyesports@tribune.com

## WEEK 10

Nov. 9 vs. Tennessee, noon CBS

The Vince Young-led Titans surprised people a couple years ago. It's 2008 now. **SCORE:** W, 26-18 **RECORD:** 4-5

## \* WEEK 11

Nov. 16 @ Green Bay, noon Fox

No Brett Favre. No problem. **SCORE:** W, 19-9 **RECORD:** 5-5

## \* WEEK 12

Nov. 23 @ St. Louis, noon Fox

The Rams were one of the worst teams in the NFL last season. But Marc Bulger is back this season. Still not enough. **SCORE:** W, 23-21 **RECORD:** 6-5

## \* WEEK 13

Nov. 30 @ Minnesota, 7:15 p.m. NBC

The Vikings just might go to the Super Bowl. The Bears will not. **SCORE:** L, 41-20 **RECORD:** 6-6

## \* WEEK 14

Dec. 7 vs. Jacksonville, noon CBS

The Jaguars always seem to be "this close" to winning their division. But, the Colts always close them out. **SCORE:** L, 28-21 **RECORD:** 6-7

## WEEK 15

Dec. 11 vs. New Orleans, 7:15 p.m. NFL Network

The Saints will give the Bears a Shockey at home. **SCORE:** L, 17-12 **RECORD:** 6-8

## WEEK 16

Dec. 22 vs. Green Bay, 7:30 p.m. ESPN

A Monday night Bears-Packers game without Favre is an early Xmas present for the Bears. **SCORE:** W, 24-0 **RECORD:** 7-8

## \* WEEK 17

Dec. 28 @ Houston, noon Fox

The Texans aren't the pushovers they used to be, but they still are relative pushovers. **SCORE:** W, 24-3 **RECORD:** 8-8

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Minnesota Vikings



Green Bay Packers



Detroit Lions



Chicago Bears

## 2007 RECORD / 2008 PREDICTION

8-8 / 10-6

13-3 / 8-8

7-9 / 7-9

7-9 / 7-9

## HOT OR HOT MESS?

The plan is to stick by third-year pro QB Tarvaris Jackson and hope he's ready to be the guy.

Aaron Rodgers got the starting QB job of the '07 NFC runners-up when Brett Favre moved to the Jets.

They can win with fiery QB Jon Kitna and an offense that could lean on rookie RB Kevin Smith.

The Bears opted to keep their QB situation status quo, with Rex Grossman and Kyle Orton.

## BUZZWORTHY?

They splurged on free agent Bernard Berrian in hopes of giving Jackson a big-play receiver.

Favre is gone and a new era begins in Green Bay. What that means is anyone's guess.

Second-year pro Calvin Johnson looms as a holy terror for defensive coordinators in the years to come.

Matt Forte faces as much pressure to produce (as Cedric Benson's possible replacement) as anyone in his rookie class.

# NFC SOUTH



New Orleans Saints



Tampa Bay Buccaneers



Carolina Panthers



Atlanta Falcons

## 2007 RECORD / 2008 PREDICTION

7-9 / 11-5

9-7 / 10-6

7-9 / 8-8

4-12 / 2-14

## HOT OR HOT MESS?

After Deuce McAllister went down with an injury, Reggie Bush averaged less than 4 yards per rush.

Coach Jon Gruden's units struggle passing. Last year, the team threw 18 touchdown passes.

DE Julius Peppers had just 2½ sacks last year as the Carolina defensive line was a big disappointment.

QB Matt Ryan got a \$72 million contract. Good for him, but bad for expectations. He can't meet them.

## BUZZWORTHY?

The Saints easily have the talent to return to prominence in the NFC South and added TE Jeremy Shockey.

Injuries allowed Earnest Graham to rise from preseason scrub/special teamer to a featured back who scored 10 touchdowns.

The Panthers have a pair of rookies who should burst onto the scene in RB Jonathan Stewart and OT Jeff Otah.

RB Michael Turner was a stellar backup to LaDainian Tomlinson in San Diego, but he'll be practically solo in Atlanta.

# NFC EAST



Dallas Cowboys



New York Giants



Philadelphia Eagles



Washington Redskins

## 2007 RECORD / 2008 PREDICTION

13-3 / 12-4

10-6 / 9-7

8-8 / 8-8

9-7 / 6-10

## HOT OR HOT MESS?

Regular-season TDs are nice, but it's time for Tony Romo to make his \$69 million in the playoffs.

Which Eli Manning will show in '08? "Peyton's Little Brother" or the Super Bowl MVP?

Star cornerback Asante Samuel got a \$47.2 million deal to jump from New England.

Washington has the players to hit the playoffs, but do they have the coach—or QB—to get there?

## BUZZWORTHY?

Two first-round picks (RB Felix Jones and CB Michael Jenkins) should make instant impact.

It'll be interesting to see how the Super Bowl champs fare as the prime targets in 2008.

While QB Donovan McNabb is the face of the franchise, they'd be nowhere without RB Brian Westbrook (league-high 2,104 all-purpose yards).

All eyes will be on QB Jason Campbell, the former No. 1 pick.

# NFC WEST



Seattle Seahawks



Arizona Cardinals



St. Louis Rams



San Francisco 49ers

## 2007 RECORD / 2008 PREDICTION

10-6 / 11-5

8-8 / 10-6

3-13 / 6-10

5-11 / 3-13

## HOT OR HOT MESS?

The loss of RB Shaun Alexander spurred the Seahawks to go get Julius Jones from Dallas.

RB Edgerrin James rushed for 1,222 yards last year, but those were behind the team's poor offensive line.

Only Detroit allowed more points than the 438 (or 27.4 per game) surrendered by the Rams.

LB Patrick Willis was spectacular on his way to NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year honors.

## BUZZWORTHY?

The Seahawks are the clear favorites to repeat in a soft division.

Arizona posted its best record since 1998. Any improvement should keep the Cards in the hunt in the weak NFC West.

RB Steven Jackson has recovered from the back and groin injuries that kept him out of 11 games of last year's 3-13 season.

Remember when the Niners were the class of the NFL? Now they're one of the clowns.



## AFC NORTH



Pittsburgh  
Steelers



Cleveland  
Browns



Cincinnati  
Bengals



Baltimore  
Ravens

## 2007 RECORD / 2008 PREDICTION

10-6 / 10-6

10-6 / 9-7

7-9 / 7-9

5-11 / 5-11

## HOT OR HOT MESS?

The Steelers won the AFC North and got back to the playoffs, but they faded down the stretch.

Romeo Crennel replaced defensive coordinator Todd Grantham with Mel Tucker. We'll see.

The Bengals didn't address their lackluster running game or their defensive front.

This is John Harbaugh's first year as a head coach, and he's bringing a no-huddle offense.

## BUZZWORTHY?

They're division favorites, thanks to QB Ben Roethlisberger, RB Willie Parker and WR Limas Sweed.

TE Kellen Winslow Jr. fought off injuries and made his first Pro Bowl appearance in 2007.

Free agent TE Ben Utecht from Indianapolis could prove an invaluable weapon.

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## AFC SOUTH



Jacksonville  
Jaguars



Indianapolis  
Colts



Tennessee  
Titans



Houston  
Texans

## 2007 RECORD / 2008 PREDICTION

11-5 / 10-6

13-3 / 10-6

10-6 / 9-7

8-8 / 8-8

## HOT OR HOT MESS?

QB David Garrard has the AFC's top ground game but still needs a consistent deep threat.

Hard to imagine the Colts wouldn't miss Edgerrin James, but RB Joseph Addai has a chance to be big.

QB Vince Young threw 17 interceptions last season and nine TD passes. He gives defenses fits.

QB Matt Schaub will be the starter even though Sage Rosenfels outplayed him in 2007.

## BUZZWORTHY?

WR Matt Jones, a former first-round pick, may soon be shipped out of the River City.

Is QB Peyton Manning hitting the wall? After years of being healthy, Manning's knee is giving him trouble.

The Titans want to win games with defense and by letting RBs Chris Henry and LenDale White bang away.

It's not likely the Texas can supplant both Indy and Jacksonville.

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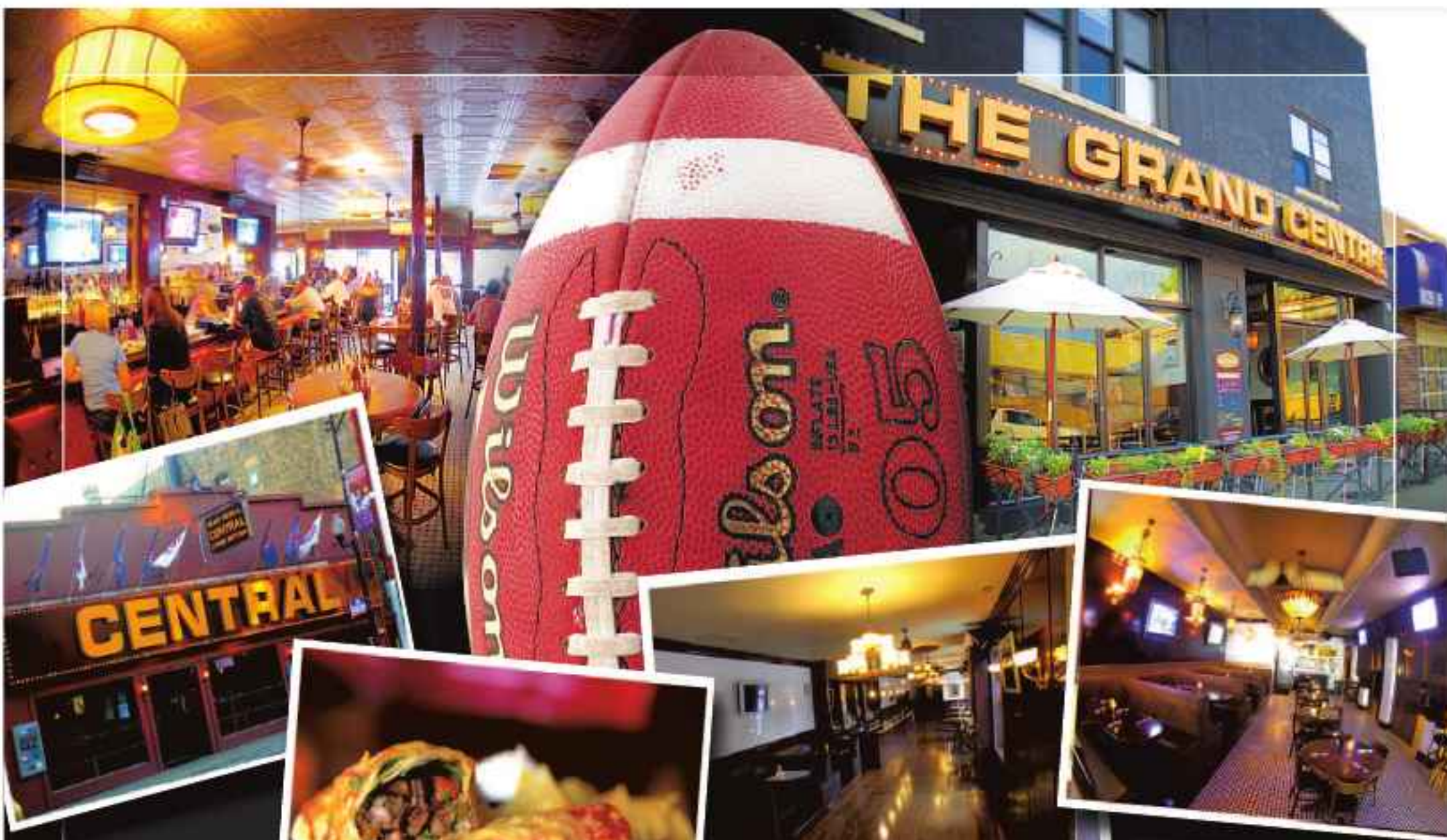


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|                |                       |                |        |
| New England Patriots   | Buffalo Bills  | New York Jets   | Miami Dolphins   |
| 2007 RECORD / 2008 PREDICTION  |  |   |  |
| 16-0 / 11-5  | 7-9 / 9-7  | 4-12 / 8-8  | 1-15 / 4-12  |
| HOT OR HOT MESS?   |  |   |  |
| WR Wes Welker is overshadowed by WR Randy Moss, but Welker is central to a short passing game. | This is the best of the teams Dick Jauron has had in Buffalo, and the Bills are close to playoff form. | WR Laveranues Coles isn't quite the contributor he once was, though he has some big plays left. | LB Zach Thomas and DE Jason Taylor are gone, but oft-troubled RB Ricky Williams is back. |
| BUZZWORTHY?  |  |   |  |
| The Pats lost Pro Bowl CB Asante Samuel and need to develop more depth in the secondary.       | The Bills expect second-year RB Marshawn Lynch to make another big step after 1,115 yards in '07.      | With Brett Favre under contract, the Jets' offense became instantly dynamic.                    | QB Chad Pennington should liven things up on offense.                                    |

AFC WEST

|   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
|                   |                     |                             |        |
| San Diego Chargers  | Denver Broncos   | Oakland Raiders  | Kansas City Chiefs   |
| 2007 RECORD / 2008 PREDICTION   |  |  |  |
| 11-5 / 12-4   | 7-9 / 7-9  | 4-12 / 5-11  | 4-12 / 4-12  |
| HOT OR HOT MESS?  |  |  |  |
| This team is loaded with talent, which means DE Luis Castillo needs to step up.                     | QB Jay Cutler is confident and has receivers, but his line is not yet up to snuff, nor is the defense. | There are questions about the readiness of last year's top pick in the draft, QB JaMarcus Russell.             | Coach Herman Edwards is an optimist, but it's tough to imagine the Chiefs in the playoffs. |
| BUZZWORTHY?   |  |  |  |
| RB LaDainian Tomlinson might still be the best runner in the game, and QB Philip Rivers is a gamer. | WR Brandon Marshall was one of the AFC's breakout stories in 2007.                                     | Free agent pickup WR Javon Walker pouted in Denver when Brandon Marshall shone. He's a talent and a head case. | The Chiefs were considered to have one of the NFL's top drafts and one of the deepest.     |




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




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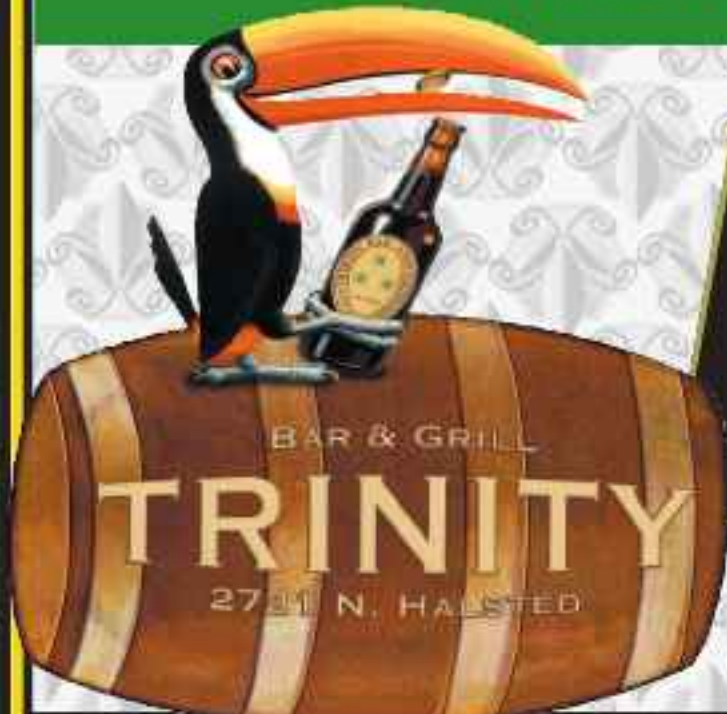
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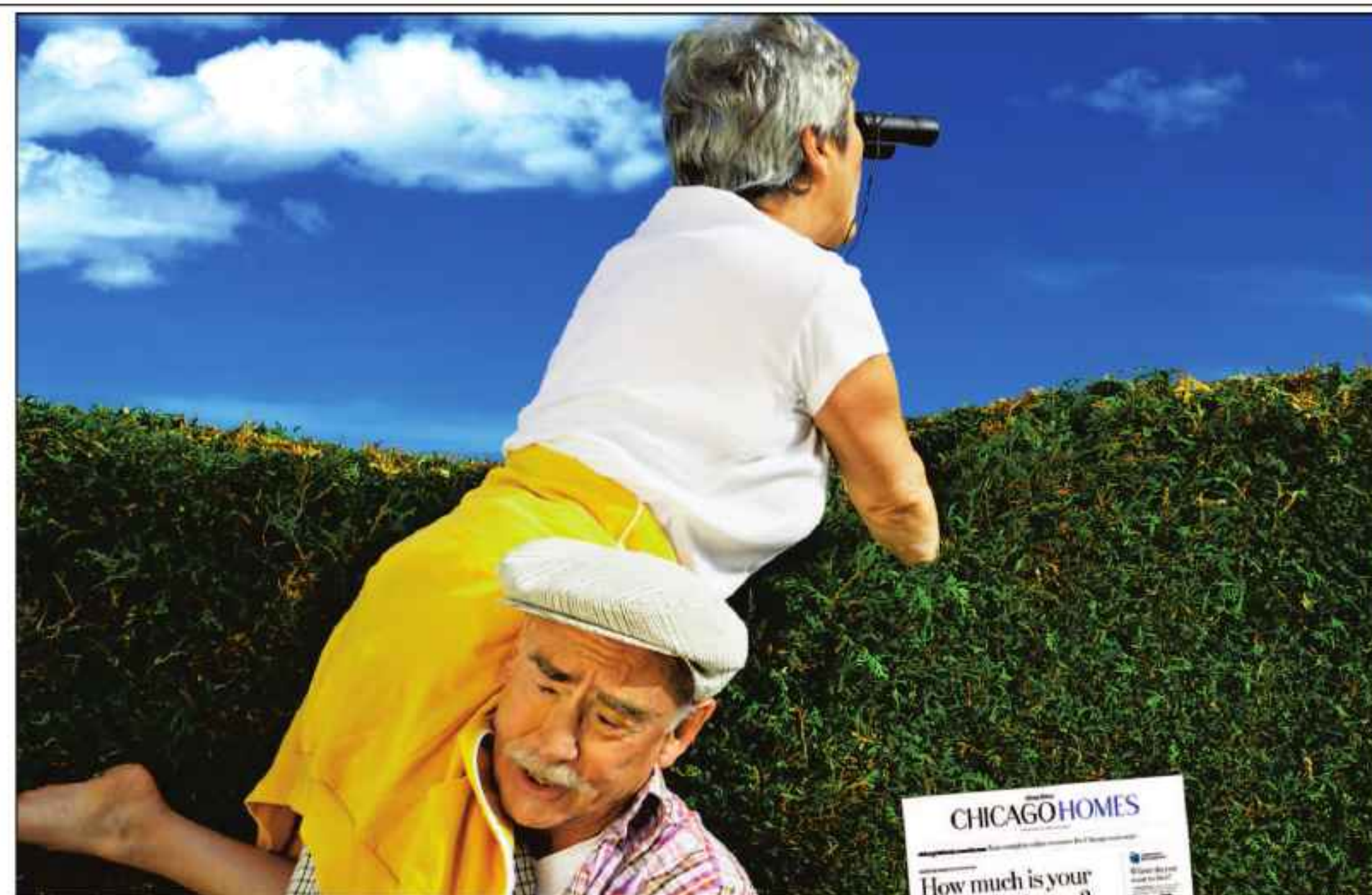
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| <b>1</b> You've seen the future of the Bears, and the future is ...       | ... going to play out eerily similar to the future of Miley Cyrus, annulled marriages included.       | ... full of anguish, pain and uncertainty. And that's just at quarterback.          | ... a lot like "Terminator 4."                                     | ... no way, I'm not going to influence their future. The Bears have enough trouble under the influence ... | ... playing Division I football somewhere or, God forbid, in high school.              |
| <b>2</b> Fill in the blanks: "_____ is _____ than the Bears."             | "The country of Georgia" is "only slightly more precarious along its offensive line" than the Bears.  | "Having your back waxed" is "slightly more enjoyable" than the Bears. Right, Jimmy? | "Gov. Palin" is "more prepared" than the Bears.                    | "Impotence in U.S. males" is "a bigger problem" than the Bears, but neither group can make it work.        | "A blank line" is "more interesting" than the Bears.                                   |
| <b>3</b> Devin Hester is to the Bears as ...                              | ... "Guys Gone Wild" is to Tracy's DVD collection.  | ... oxygen, water and sunlight is to living beings.                                 | ... Twista is to rappers.  | ... Speedy Gonzalez is to Looney Tunes. He's the fastest mouse who doesn't speak English.                  | ... lobster is to French bread. Seriously, lobster roll? Most overrated sandwich ever. |
| <b>4</b> Which teams do you see facing off in the Super Bowl this season? | The Redskins and the cast of "Flight of the Conchords." My hallucinations tend to be pretty specific. | The Vikings and the Jets. Pretty much a Bears fan's nightmare.                      | Cowboys and Patriots. "Oh no, who do I root for?" asks Satan.      | Rams vs. Jaguars. Maybe a good Ramming would finally push Jacksonville and its creatures into the ocean.   | Dallas and New England. In other news, I'll tase myself if that happens.               |
| <b>5</b> Who is your fantasy player of the year this season?              | David Garrard. Mark my words.   | Brett Favre. He's got something to prove, and he'll do it.                          | Adrian Peterson will be the most prolific scorer since Scott Baio. | A lady never wishes and tells.   | Frank Gore. The 49ers are better, and he was great even when they weren't.             |

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# Facebook fantasies

New social football league could be quite the gamble for Citizen Sports

## Associated Press

By the time he graduated from MIT, Jeff Ma already had led a life many guys dream about. His card-counting prowess at blackjack tables during wild weekends in Las Vegas and Atlantic City won him and his college buddies millions of dollars, inspiring a best-selling book and the recent movie "21."

Now 35 years old, Ma thinks he can hit his next jackpot in a different fantasy land—the fanciful football leagues that will preoccupy millions of people during the next four months as they accumulate points based on the statistics of NFL players picked for their imaginary teams.

Hoping to introduce a younger generation to the game of fantasy football, Ma and his primary business partner, Mike Kerns, have launched a program that enables the leagues to be managed within Facebook.

Ma and Kerns, who run Citizen Sports, reason that fantasy sports are ideally suited for online social networks like Facebook because the leagues are typically formed by groups of friends looking to deepen their bonds.

The idea was compelling enough to persuade Sports Illustrated to stamp its name on the program, its first fantasy football venture. The magazine spent the past decade on the sidelines watching Yahoo, ESPN and CBS build popular Web sites to help manage the leagues.

SI is providing content for Citizen Sports' fantasy football program, handling all the advertising sales and promoting the service in its print edition and Web site.

"We think this can change the fantasy landscape," said Jeff Price, president of Sports Illustrated's digital operations.

Still, the odds appear to be stacked against San Francisco-based Citizen Sports because the most rabid fantasy football fans are entrenched in leagues that have been running for years on other sites.

"The switching costs for people to leave a league to come over to another site is a significant hurdle," Price said. But he believes it will be easier for Citizen Sports because having its program run on Facebook, where millions of people already spend hours every day, "brings fantasy football to the player instead of having the player come to you."

The field is led by Yahoo, whose fantasy football site drew 6.6 million U.S. visitors in the opening month of the season last year, followed by **espn.com** at 2.6 million visitors, according to comScore.



Jeff Ma (left) and Mike Kerns hope to introduce a younger generation to fantasy football by using Facebook.

AP FILE

"It's a daunting task," Ma said of the challenge facing Citizen Sports. "Do you look at what Yahoo has been able to do and say, 'It's just not worth taking a chance?' Or do you look at the advent of social networks and say, 'Let's give it a shot.'"

Privately held Citizen Sports is projecting at least a sevenfold increase in revenue this year, bolstered by the new fantasy football program along with other existing social network applications built to help people follow their favorite professional, college and high school teams in a variety of sports.

Sports Illustrated already has sold seasonlong sponsorships for Citizen Sports'

Facebook fantasy program to AT&T and the sporting goods chain Finish Line. The magazine's sales force is hoping at least 250,000 people participate in the Facebook fantasy league during the first season, Price said.

Nearly 100,000 people had downloaded the program through Aug. 6 after just a few weeks on Facebook. Interest is expected to intensify this month as the NFL season starts Thursday.

Ma and Kerns seem to understand that getting people to switch their fantasy sports program isn't a sure bet.

"It's just us, with a slingshot, going against the big guys," Kerns said.

## Mixing work and play

### Newsday

A look at the scoreboard shows that fantasy football leaguers could cost companies nationwide an estimated \$9.2 billion in lost productivity over the 17-week NFL season, according to a report released Aug. 18.

Yet employers who come down too hard this season risk putting a hit on office morale.

So says John Challenger, chief executive of Chicago-based outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas. The company estimated the \$9.2 billion tab based on figures from the Fantasy Sports Trade Association and Fantasy Sports Association.

"If a bunch of fantasy footballers build relationships with each other through participation in a league, that can be very valued," Challenger said.

Tony Leteri, president of Leteri Waste Management in Kings Park, N.Y., has no objections to his 11 employees engaging in fantasy football leagues—as long as it's not taken to excess.

"It's another way to improve the atmosphere in an office," he said. "Just don't take advantage of the boss."

Tim Brown, marketing manager for Active Web Group in Hauppauge, N.Y., is not only a fantasy football fan, but he also runs a league to which several of his colleagues belong.

He said very little office time is spent on the activity because football games are played just once a week.

He does most of his league work at home, checking scores occasionally during work for what amounts to less time than a coffee break.

"I care about my job," he said.

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# Web of fantasy

**By Ryan Smith**  
FOR REDEYE

Flex position. YAC. Waiver-wire priority. These terms are gibberish to many, but if you say them out loud, you're sure to get understanding nods from one of the 13 million

fantasy football players out there. With the exploding popularity of the game, more Web sites are springing up, provoking even the most knowledgeable fantasy vets to debate which site will host their league. Here's a breakdown of some of the best.



**CBSSPORTSLINE.COM**

There's no Jim Nantz or Greg Gumbel involved (thankfully) in CBS' venture, but there's plenty to like about the site, especially for those willing to pony up a little cash for advanced features. **What's cool:** The site's presentation is easy on the eyes. You also can schedule e-mail reports for all your players, standings updates and have free access to the site with your cell phone. Just don't tell your girlfriend you're checking out LaDainian Tomlinson's stats during dinner. **Not so cool:** The free game is nearly skeletal. The "Commissioner" league costs \$149.95, which means you're going to have to talk your friends into going in with you.



**EA.COM**

Imagine a fantasy draft conducted on your Xbox 360, making it feel like you're actually at an NFL draft. For instance, when you draft a player, an announcer says, "With the sixth pick of the draft, the team picks Brett Favre," then you are treated to animation and expert analysis. It feels like fantasy football of the future. **What's cool:** After the draft, you can upload your rosters to your Madden '09 game and play with your team, taking the fantasy even further. **Not so cool:** EA's site is confusing, and it's difficult to set up a draft for your game system. Also, only about a third of the players get the highlights and commentary treatment. What, they couldn't find Kyle Orton highlights?



**ESPN.COM**

The self-proclaimed Worldwide Leader of Sports doesn't quite dominate the fantasy sport like it does the TV airwaves, but it's still a formidable site. **What's cool:** It's easily the best free site, offering lots of customizable options other sites charge for. ESPN also features boatloads of columnists and fantasy analysts. You'll never run short of bathroom reading material. **Not so cool:** It's hard to find much fault with ESPN's fantasy games unless you're a hard-core player looking for every existing bell and whistle.



**SANDBOX.COM**

This MSNBC-powered site isn't the sexiest of destinations—it's had the same boring light blue and gray look since the late '90s—but it's loaded with features and options. **What's cool:** The live scoring and standings feature shows you exactly where you sit at all times. **Not so cool:** A league costs \$39.99 for a season. And did we mention the design? It's a hot mess. RYAN SMITH IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

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# QBs or not QBs

Some teams keeping quarterbacks on a short leash this season

## Los Angeles Times

As if replacing a legend weren't tough enough, Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers faces an even more

difficult challenge.

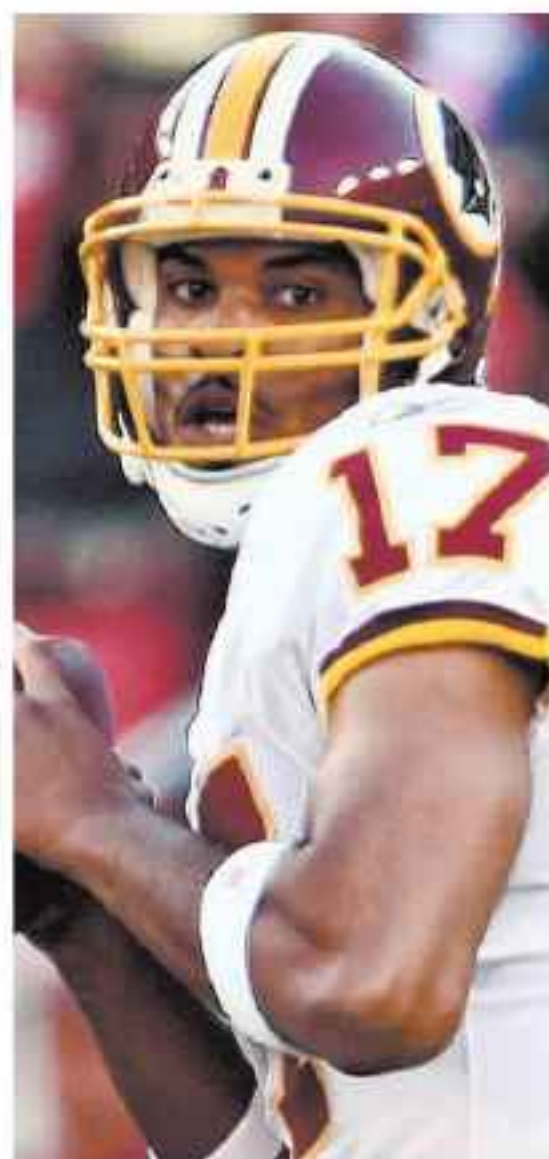
He's replacing Brett Favre, a legend who came out of retirement to play for the New York Jets.

But Rodgers isn't the only young quarterback under pressure this season. A host of signal-callers are under scrutiny this year. A look at some of them:



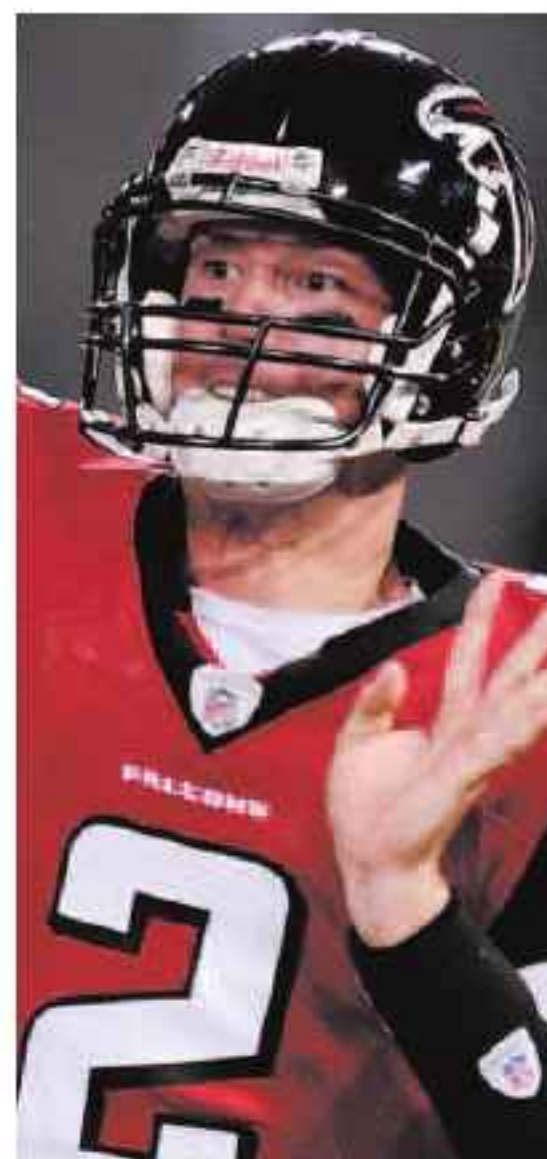
## JAMARCUS RUSSELL, OAKLAND

Although he's in his second season, Russell is a rookie to training camp. His holdout last summer stretched into the second week of the regular season. Now, he's the designated starter, and the Raiders don't have the fallback of experienced veterans behind him. Good news for Russell: Having explosive ball carriers Darren McFadden and Justin Fargas is sure to make his job easier.



## JASON CAMPBELL, WASHINGTON

New coach, new system, old problem: round peg in a square hole. Campbell has a big arm but has struggled with short-range accuracy and touch. Jim Zorn, the new Redskins coach, wants to transform him into a West Coast-style quarterback. Campbell is very talented and a hard worker, so it just might work. Meanwhile, Todd Collins, the man who led Washington to the playoffs last season when Campbell was hurt, is ready to step in.



## MATT RYAN, ATLANTA

Not only is the rookie facing the scrutiny that comes with replacing Michael Vick, but he's challenged with playing up to his gargantuan contract. Ryan's six-year, \$72 million deal includes \$34.5 million in guaranteed money, the most ever committed to a rookie.



## TAVARIS JACKSON, MINNESOTA

Jackson had a promising spring. Still, many regard him as the weak link on a team with top-shelf talent. Teammate Darren Sharper, who has been training with Jackson and new Vikings receiver Bernard Berrian, have said the young quarterback has been making some All-Pro throws lately.



## BRADY QUINN, CLEVELAND

OK, so Quinn isn't the starter. Derek Anderson proved last year that he deserves that job, and the Browns said as much by rewarding him with a three-year, \$26 million contract extension. But that doesn't erase the fact that 2007 first-rounder Quinn is waiting in the wings and ready to lead the offense.

## Games on the go

Live telecasts of eight NFL games will be shown on mobile phones this season. Sprint announced that the Thursday and Saturday broadcasts on NFL Network will be free for subscribers to its data service plans. Customers also will be able to listen to the live radio calls for all regular-season games on their phones. **AP**

# Haven't I seen you before?

## Los Angeles Times

With Jason Taylor in Washington and Jeremy Shockey in New Orleans, NFL fans will have to get used to the odd sight of those star players in new uniforms. But that's the NFL, where rosters are shuffled and reshuffled every season. A look at some of the familiar faces in new places this season:

## CB ASANTE SAMUEL, PHILADELPHIA

Samuel was an All-Pro with New England last season and has 22 interceptions in the last 75 games. He adds some instant pizzazz to an Eagles defense.

## DE JEVON KEARSE, TENNESSEE

"The Freak" returns to where his career began, coming off four lackluster seasons in Philadelphia. He hasn't had double-digit sack numbers since 2001.

## CB DEANGELO HALL, OAKLAND

The league's best cornerback tandem could be in Oakland this season: Hall, the outspoken former Falcons standout, and Nnamdi Asomugha.

## DE JARED ALLEN, MINNESOTA

The Vikings paid a steep price to get Allen from Kansas City, but he led the NFL with 15½ sacks last season.

## WR BERNARD BERRIAN, MINNESOTA

Not only did they get a premier deep threat, but also they won't have to face him in Chicago anymore.

## RB MICHAEL TURNER, ATLANTA

The understudy to LaDainian Tomlinson in San Diego, Turner was among the league's best backup running backs.

## WR ISAAC BRUCE, SAN FRANCISCO

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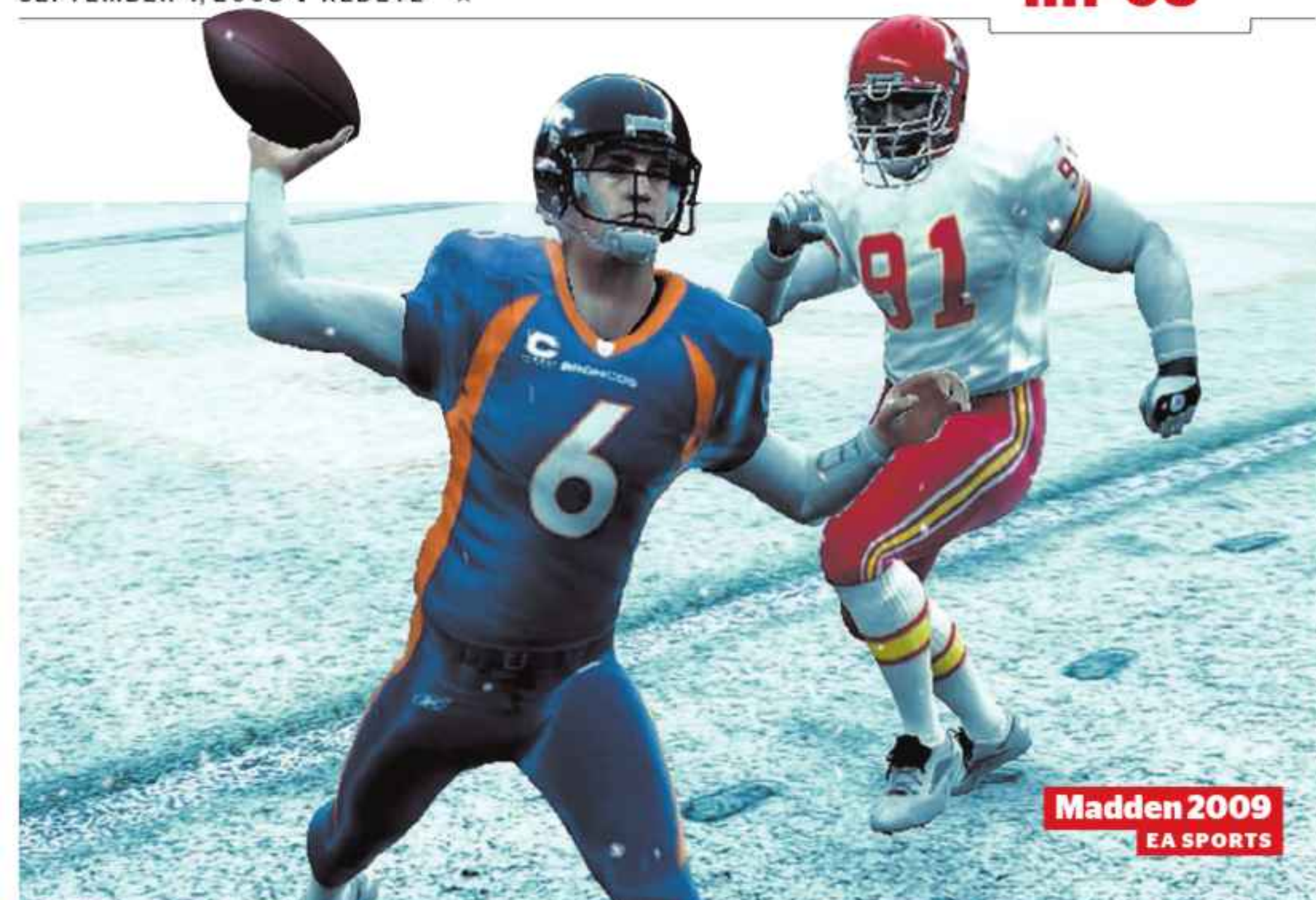
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# Madden turning players into gamers

## Associated Press

The opposition was throwing the ball all over the place when Marshall Faulk watched his son's football game last year.

Afterward, the 12-year-old lamented that his team didn't use the cover-2 defense.

Faulk, the 2000 NFL MVP, considers such moments the greatest influence of the Madden NFL Football video game, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. He overhears his son and his friends casually tossing around such football terminology as cover-2 or 4-3 defense, concepts they learned from maneuvering virtual players.

"I know I didn't teach it to them," Faulk said, "because they haven't asked me."

To the guys for whom those terms are part of their jobs, Madden, whose 2009 edition was released last month, is an institution. Younger NFL stars like 25-year-old Tennessee Titans quarterback Vince Young have been playing the game practically since they were old enough to hold a controller.

Last year, Young was on the cover. It's a distinction today's players regard with great pride.

Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis, a two-time NFL Defensive Player of the Year, called his turn on the cover "one of the greatest honors I think I've ever had."

Granted, Lewis' declaration came during a celebration of the anniversary in June that included fellow former cover stars Faulk, Young, Daunte Culpepper and Shaun Alexander.

But there's no doubt how seriously NFL players take the game.

## GAMBLIN' MEN

NFL players with their blazing competitive streaks find the game's rivalries irresistible.

That means lots of trash-talking and the kinds of bets only millionaires can make.

Vince Young conceded that he has "lost a lot of money, broke a lot of controllers, probably broke a PlayStation 2."

Daunte Culpepper has "won some mortgage payments, lost some mortgage payments."

Marshall Faulk once agreed to a wager with a lower-paid teammate. If Faulk won, the teammate had to wash his Bentley for a month. If the teammate won, he got to drive Faulk's Bentley for a week.

Faulk lost. AP

"Even if you're not on the cover, you look at your rankings and stats and always question them," Faulk said of the ratings for various abilities players are given in each year's edition. "You want to make sure you show 'em."

Culpepper estimated that many in the NFL play the game three to four hours a day during the off-season. Once the season starts, the volume decreases—to about three to four times a week.

Madden is so pervasive that it has its own curse. Players who appear on the cover always seem to get injured afterward—or so the myth goes.

The five former cover stars scoffed at the curse talk. Any injuries reflect the physical nature of the sport, they insisted—nothing more, nothing less.

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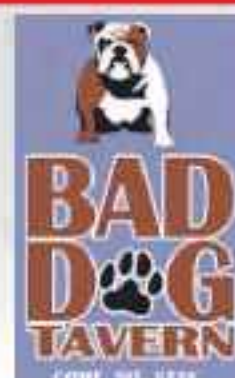
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## MCT

You might not call the NFL "America's pastime," but it's certainly our sports king. And while the king is proudly and fully clothed as it strolls toward Thursday's opening of its 76th season, the emperor is in need of a wardrobe adjustment. Here are a few things to make the nation's most popular game even more popular. Or, OK, better:



# NFL season is 16 going on 17—or 18

## The Boston Globe

The NFL adopted the 16-game regular season in 1978, but a combination of factors is likely to lead to a change—and it could be coming quicker than many are anticipating.

"The bottom line," said Patriots owner Robert Kraft, "is that I think you'll see us going to 17 or 18 regular-season games in the future."

In May, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell first floated the idea of extending the regular season. Last month, he mentioned it again to reporters in Cincinnati, this time laying out a reason for his thinking: He believes preseason football is a poor reflection on the NFL.

Yet it's not just the poor quality of the preseason that has Goodell and NFL owners discussing an expansion of the regular season. The uncertain labor forecast with players also is driving the discussion.

In short, owners feel that too much of their profits go to players. The players don't agree.

Expanding the regular season,

## NFL CALENDAR

**Thursday-Sunday:** Regular season starts

**Oct. 13-15:** NFL meeting, St. Petersburg, Fla.

**Oct. 14:** Trading deadline

**Dec. 28:** Regular season ends

**Jan. 3-4:** Wild-card playoffs

**Jan. 10-11:** Divisional playoffs

**Jan. 18:** Conference championships

**Feb. 1:** Super Bowl, Tampa

**Feb. 8:** Pro Bowl, Honolulu

**Feb. 18-24:** NFL combine

**Feb. 27:** Free agency begins

**March 22-25:** Annual owners meeting, Dana Point, Calif.

**April 25-26:** NFL draft, New York

which would be the fastest way for owners to generate more revenue, is one way to help the sides resolve the tug-of-war.

"We have to grow the pie; the biggest way of quickly growing the pie is in the media area," Kraft said. "The feeling is that we would get greater revenue for media if we had more regular-season games."

"Now, you'd have to balance that with the need that coaches have to

develop and get a team ready to play. Could it be two preseason games, or three? I personally wouldn't be adverse to either one."

A 17-game regular season would create some scheduling issues. Which teams would get the extra home games? Or would neutral sites be chosen so there was no advantage?

Even an 18-game regular season, which would eliminate those issues, comes with some questions. Are two preseason games enough to prepare a team for such a long season? Would it lead to more injuries?

Linebacker Mike Vrabel, the Patriots' player representative, believes that any agreement to lengthen the season must include added benefits for players. "It's always negotiable, but certainly they'd have to pay us more for 18 regular-season games," Vrabel said.

Vrabel's thoughts are tied to the fact that players don't receive their full salaries until the regular season starts. Veteran players make \$1,225 per week during the preseason, plus \$200 per preseason game. Rookies make \$800 per week, with no pay for games.

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-\$3 Coors Lt Drafts  
-\$3 Bloody Mary's  
-\$3 Mimosas  
\*Specials not valid during Cubs home games

**SUNDAY**

-\$10 All You Can Eat Brunch Buffet (11am-3pm)  
-\$3 Miller Lt Drafts  
-\$3 Bloody Mary's  
-\$3 Mimosas  
-\$3 Bombs  
\*Specials not valid during Cubs home games

**MONDAY**

-\$3 Burgers  
-\$3 Chicken Caesar Wraps  
-\$2 Miller Lite Bottles/Drafts  
-\$3 Bombs  
\*Specials not valid during Cubs home games

3466  
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BAR & GRILL

**SATURDAY**

1/2 Price Pizza  
-Summit Oatmeal Stout Pitchers, \$9  
-Coors Light Pitchers, \$10  
-Domestic Buckets, 5 / \$11

**SUNDAY**

1/2 Price Pizza  
-Summit Oatmeal Stout Pitchers, \$9  
-Coors Light Pitchers, \$10  
-Domestic Buckets, 5 / \$11

**MONDAY**

1/2 Price Appetizers  
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-Coors Light Pitchers, \$10  
-Domestic Buckets, 5 / \$11

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**SATURDAY**

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**SUNDAY**

-\$2 Miller Lite drafts  
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-\$5 Bombs  
-\$5 Jack  
-Free Food buffet

**MONDAY**

-\$1 domestic drafts  
-\$3 Effen cocktails

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**garage**

**SATURDAY**

-\$6 Build your own Ketel One Bloody Marys

**SUNDAY**

-\$6 Build your own Ketel One Bloody Marys

**MONDAY**

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1645  
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**SATURDAY**

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-22oz Bud draft (\$5 refill)

**SUNDAY**

-\$6 Sand  
-\$5 Blood  
-\$4 Screw

**MONDAY**

1/2 off a  
1/2 off a  
of wine  
-\$3 well

3741  
N. SOUTH  
773.975



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SPORTS LOUNGE

**SATURDAY**

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**SUNDAY**

-\$3 Miller Lite bottles

**MONDAY**

-\$3 Miller Lite bottles

724  
W. MAXWELL  
312.421.2277



**THE KERRYMAN**

**SATURDAY**

-\$4 Mimosa's and Bloody Marys

**SUNDAY**

-\$4 Mimosa's and Bloody Marys

**MONDAY**

1/2 priced apps

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**SATURDAY**

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-25¢ Wings til 6pm  
-Home of Northwestern

**SUNDAY**

-\$2.50 Miller Lite Drafts  
-\$2.75 Smirnoff Bloody Marys  
-25¢ Wings til 6pm

**MONDAY**

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-\$6.99 NY Strip Steak

2251  
N. LINCOLN  
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**SATURDAY**

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-\$25 Wings

**SUNDAY**

-\$4 20oz Miller Lite Drafts  
-\$5 mini burgers  
-\$4 Bloody Mary Pints

**MONDAY**

-\$15 Coors Lite Buckets  
-\$1 Crunchy Tacos

1925  
W. CORTLAND  
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**SATURDAY**

11am - 4pm:  
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-\$4 Jager & O-Bombs

**SUNDAY**

11am - 4pm:  
-\$19.95 Brunch Buffet includes one bloody mary  
-\$15 buckets of Miller Genuine Draft and Miller Lite All Day  
-\$4 Jager & O-Bombs

**MONDAY**

-\$15 Coors Lite Buckets  
-\$3 Jameson

322  
E. ILLINOIS  
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Chicago

**SATURDAY**

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**SUNDAY**

Brunch 10-2pm with \$10 Mimosa Bar  
-\$13 Domestic Buckets  
-\$4 20oz. Miller Lite Drafts

**MONDAY**

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**SATURDAY**

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**SUNDAY**

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-\$4 22oz Lite Drafts  
-\$3 Jameson  
-\$5 Bombs  
-\$5 Bloody Bar  
-25¢ wings

**MONDAY**

-\$2 ALL Drafts  
-\$2 Bacardi Drinks  
-\$1 Mini Sandwiches

3616  
N. CLARK  
773.244.1025



**Mystic Cleft**

**SATURDAY**

-\$15 Buckets of Coors light  
-\$3 Miller lite pints  
-\$1.50 mini cheeseburgers & \$1.50 cups of chili from 11-5

**SUNDAY**

-\$2.75 Miller Lt Pints  
-\$6 Bloody Marys  
-\$6 Cuervo margaritas, mojitos, raspberry vodka & lemonades  
-\$14 Buckets of Corona/Corona Lt  
-\$1.50 mini cheeseburgers & \$1.50 cups of chili from 11-5

**MONDAY**

-\$3.50 Fat Tire & Blue Moon pints  
-1/2 price appetizers  
-1/2 price bottles of wine

3443  
N. SOUTHPORT  
773.528.8226



**PADDY'S PUB**

**SATURDAY**

-\$5 Jumb  
-\$4 Smirn  
-\$4 Grol  
-\$4 Bloo

**SUNDAY**

-\$5 Jumb  
-\$4 Smirn  
-\$4 Grol  
-\$2 Bud  
-\$4 Bloo  
-\$5 Doze  
-Wings

**MONDAY**

-Half Pri  
-Wine  
-Half Pri  
-Appetiz  
-\$4 Grol  
-\$3 Sierr  
-\$2 Domo

1028  
W. DIVE  
773.290

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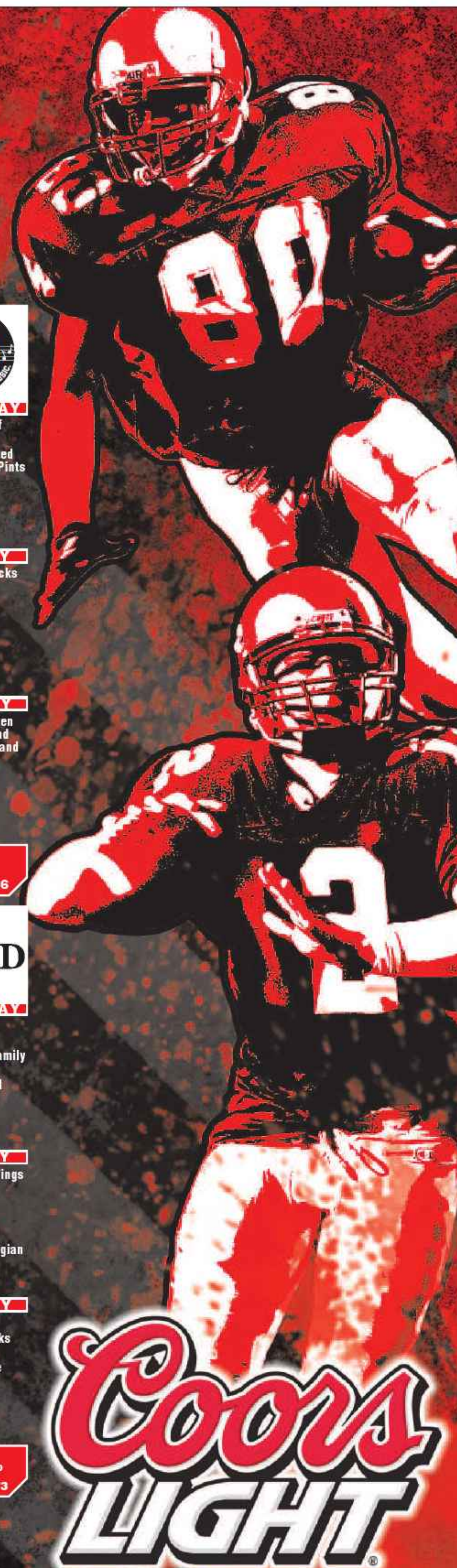
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| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>Twiches<br>dy Mary<br>w/drivers   | <b>SUNDAY</b><br>\$3 Iron City<br>bottles   | <b>SUNDAY</b><br>We show ALL Pro<br>Games<br>Huge Brunch<br>Buffet - \$15.95<br>from 10am-3pm<br>\$5.50 Bloody Mary<br>Bar          | <b>SUNDAY</b><br>Steelers Football<br>\$3 You-call-its   | <b>SUNDAY</b><br>\$3.50 Miller Lite<br>Drafts<br>\$4 Smirnoff Bloody<br>Marys<br>25¢ Wings<br>\$3.99 1/2 lb. Black<br>Angus Cheeseburger w/<br>Fries til 6pm  | <b>SUNDAY</b><br>\$10 All You Can<br>Eat Brunch Buffet<br>(11am-3pm)<br>\$3 Miller Lite<br>Drafts<br>\$3 Bloody Mary's<br>\$3 Mimosas<br>\$3 Bombs              | <b>SUNDAY</b><br>\$6.00 Bloody<br>Marys<br>\$3.00 Miller or<br>Miller Lite Bottles<br>Wrigley's biggest<br>and best brunch   | <b>SUNDAY</b><br>Check out our<br>Southern Style<br>Brunch Package<br>From 11am-3pm<br>Country Night Part<br>II: \$5 Pitchers of<br>Miller Lite & High<br>Life, \$5 40oz<br>Beers, \$3 Jameson<br>and Socolme<br>shots, \$1 Sliders | <b>SUNDAY</b><br>\$2.50 Bud &<br>Budlight BTLS<br>\$6 Stoli Bloody<br>Mary's   | <b>SUNDAY</b><br>\$3 Rolling Rocks<br>and Iron City<br>Bottles   |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>All entrees<br>All bottles<br>drinks  | <b>MONDAY</b><br>\$1 burgers  | <b>MONDAY</b><br>\$5 Salads<br>\$15 Buckets and<br>\$30 Barrels of<br>Corona, Corona<br>Light and Pacifico                          | <b>MONDAY</b><br>\$3 You-call-its  | <b>MONDAY</b><br>\$1 Coors Light<br>Drafts<br>\$6.99 NY Strip<br>Steak  | <b>MONDAY</b><br>\$3 Burgers<br>\$3 Chicken Caesar<br>Wraps<br>\$2 Miller Lite<br>Bottles/Drafts<br>\$3 Bombs   | <b>MONDAY</b><br>\$2.00 Budwiser<br>Products<br>\$3.00 Goose<br>Island Products  | <b>MONDAY</b><br>20 cent wings<br>\$10 Buckets of<br>Miller Products<br>\$4 Jager Bombs   | <b>MONDAY</b><br>\$2.50 Miller Lite &<br>Highlife BTLS<br>\$4 Jameson shots<br>and 25¢ wings                               | <b>MONDAY</b><br>\$5 Sauza Frozen<br>Margaritas and<br>Frozen Beam and<br>Cokes  |
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| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>no<br>fs<br>ch Bottles<br>King Pints<br>Light Pints<br>dy Mary's<br>m Tasty | <b>SUNDAY</b><br>\$4 20oz Miller Lite<br>Drafts<br>\$5 Effen Bloody<br>Mary's<br>\$5 Breakfast<br>Sliders           | <b>SUNDAY</b><br>Vikings Football<br>Brunch from<br>11am-3pm<br>\$15 Buckets of<br>Domestic Btls<br>\$20 Buckets of<br>Premium Btls | <b>SUNDAY</b><br>\$15 Buckets (5<br>bottles) of Miller<br>& Coors Products<br>\$5 Bloody Marys<br>\$4 Mimosas<br>\$5 Bombs                                       | <b>SUNDAY</b><br>\$3 everything at<br>the bar   | <b>SUNDAY</b><br>\$2 Miller Lite<br>drafts<br>\$3 SoCo lime<br>shots<br>\$5 Bombs<br>\$5 Jack<br>Free Food buffet   | <b>SUNDAY</b><br>\$2.75 Miller Lite<br>pints<br>\$5 Bloody Marys<br>\$3.50 Stella Artois<br>pints<br>\$5 Margaritas &<br>mojitos   | <b>SUNDAY</b><br>\$2 Miller Lt<br>Bottles<br>\$2 Jagermeister<br>shots<br>\$3 Bloody Mary   | <b>SUNDAY</b><br>\$2 Domestic Btls<br>ALL Pro Games  | <b>SUNDAY</b><br>25¢ Jumbo Wings<br>\$3 Coors/<br>Coors Light<br>Bottles<br>\$3 Drafts<br>1/2 off all Belgian<br>Beers               |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>ce Bottles<br>ce All<br>ers<br>ch Bottles<br>ai Drafts<br>estic Cans        | <b>MONDAY</b><br>\$4 20oz Imperial<br>Guinness Draughts<br>\$15 Buckets of<br>Coors Light<br>\$8 Meatloaf<br>Stacks | <b>MONDAY</b><br>\$3 You-Call-Its   | <b>MONDAY</b><br>1/2 Priced<br>Appetizers 4-7pm<br>\$7 14" Pizzas<br>\$15 Buckets (5<br>bottles) Coors &<br>Coors Light<br>Free Pool All<br>Night!               | <b>MONDAY</b><br>\$2.50 Bud Family<br>Drafts  | <b>MONDAY</b><br>\$1 domestic drafts<br>\$3 Effen cocktails   | <b>MONDAY</b><br>\$3 Blue Moon, Fat<br>Tire & 312 Pints<br>\$5 Mai Tais<br>1/2 price pizzas  | <b>MONDAY</b><br>\$2 Bud/Bud Lite<br>Bottles<br>\$3 Cosmopolitans<br>\$4 All Bombs  | <b>MONDAY</b><br>\$6 Domestic<br>Pitchers  | <b>MONDAY</b><br>10¢ wings<br>\$3 Stoli Drinks<br>(all flavors)<br>\$8 Miller Lite<br>Pitchers                                       |
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**HOMETOWN HITS**

**WHITE SOX 4, INDIANS 2**

A patchwork lineup and the pitching of Javier Vazquez and Bobby Jenks produced a 4-2 victory over the Indians on Wednesday and kept the White Sox in first place in the AL Central. Vazquez (11-12) pitched six innings of two-run ball.

» Nick Swisher launched a shot in the fifth to snap a scoreless tie. Alexei Ramirez, batting fifth for the first time, ripped a two-run homer.

» For the second time this season, Juan Uribe has taken over at third base because of Joe Crede's stiff back.



The Sky is gaining on Indiana, sitting two games behind the Fever in a fight for final Eastern playoff spot.

» PG Jia Perkins leads the team with a 17-point average.

**UP NEXT vs. Seattle**

Thursday: 7 p.m., WMME-Ch. 23



The Illini, who released their men's basketball schedule Wednesday, will start the regular season at Assembly

Hall against Eastern Washington on Nov. 14. Their first conference game will be at Purdue on Dec. 30.



A conflict with Saturday's Cubs-Reds game has changed the broadcast plans for Northwestern's football

game at Duke. The Wildcats game will be broadcast on WYLL (1160-AM) and called by WGN's broadcast team of Dave Eanet and Ted Albrecht. It can also be heard on [wgnradio.com](http://wgnradio.com).

**TRASH TALK**
**Big Ten? What's the big deal?**

If you're Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany, you might want to pass on "The Maisel Report: College Football's Most Overrated & Underrated," in which [espn.com](http://espn.com)'s Ivan Maisel ranks the Big Ten as the nation's most overhyped conference.

» Irish fans: Charlie Weis is Maisel's most overrated coach, narrowly beating out Dave Wannstedt.

**Weis**


# Bad news, worse news

## Zambrano M.I.A. for MRI while Cubs' bats are D.O.A. for 5th straight home loss

**ASTROS 4, CUBS 0**

The Cubs' somber mood over the possibility of losing staff ace Carlos Zambrano grew even darker after Houston beat them 4-0 for their fifth straight home loss.

On a day that started with Zambrano being examined for a painful right shoulder and then missing an MRI appointment, Wednesday became a total bust when even Ryan Dempster couldn't stop the recent bleeding.

Despite pitching seven strong innings and allowing only three runs Wednesday night, Dempster couldn't pick up his 16th victory for the second straight outing.

"We're in a tough little stretch now where things aren't going our way," manager Lou Piniella said. "And we've had some injuries. No team is immune from a little struggle and we're struggling some now. But all we need is to win a baseball game and get back on track."

The Astros scored their first run in the second inning when Hunter Pence doubled and sprinted home on catcher Humberto Quintero's single.

Meanwhile, Cubs batters had trouble getting on base against lefty Randy Wolf.

"Lou [Piniella] said it perfectly. It's not going to be easy. It's not going to be all 'W's.'" Mark DeRosa said. "I read that we spoil people around here. Well, we spoil ourselves too. You expect to win, you expect to come back from 7-2 deficits every night. Sometimes you don't. We just have to find a way to put it together for nine innings."

**CUBS HITS**

» Online registration for a random drawing to purchase tickets for any Division Series or Championship Series at Wrigley Field is under way. Details are on the Cubs' Web site.

» The Wrigley Field game on Sept. 20 against the Cardinals has been picked up by Fox and thus will begin at 2:55 p.m.

**POLL POSITION**

[Chicagosports.com](http://chicagosports.com) asked "Carlos Zambrano and his 'tired arm' were scratched on Sunday. So where's your level of concern?"

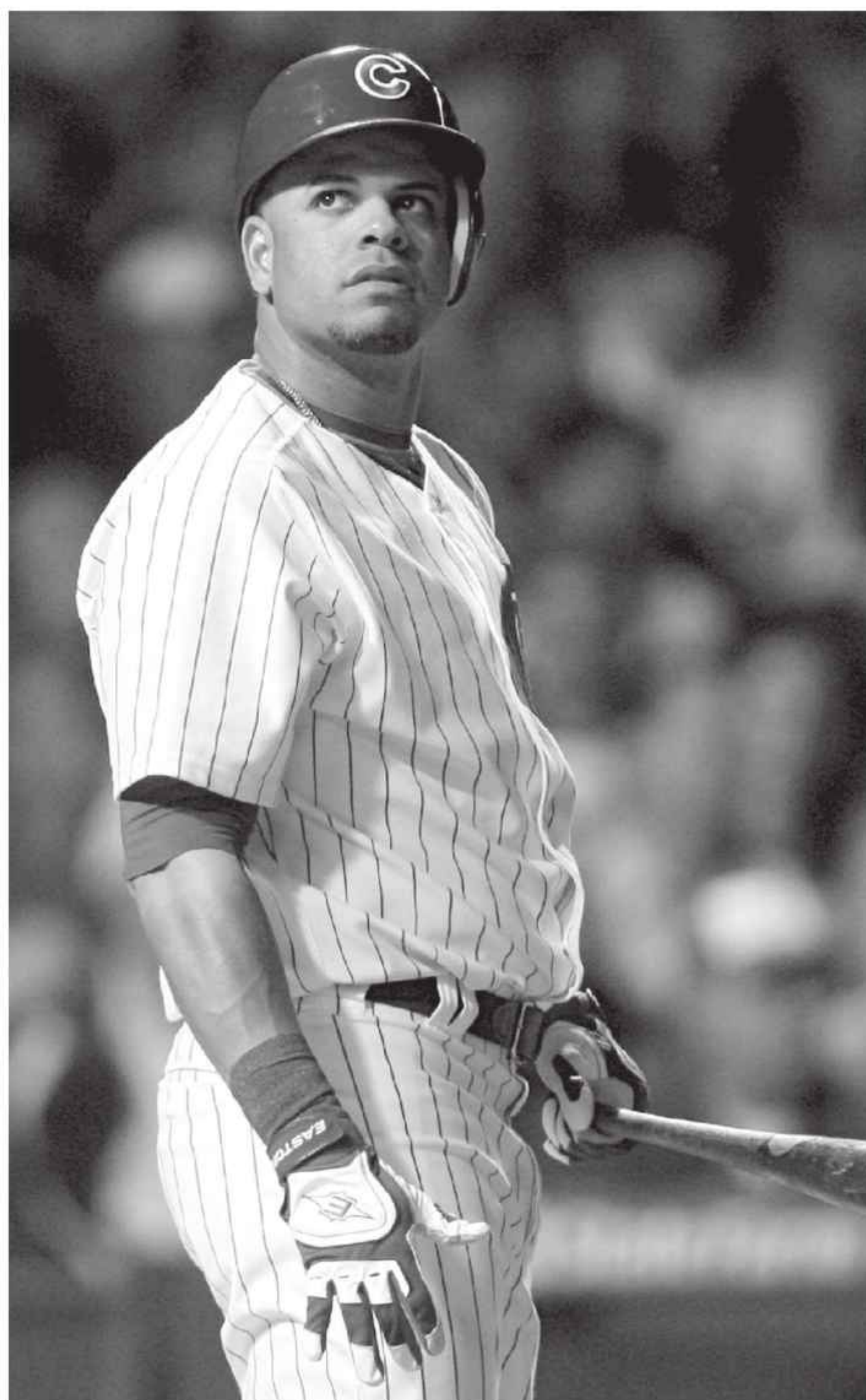
**41.1%** **Medium** A skipped start is never good

**22.9%** **Very high**

I think he's secretly injured.

**36%** **Not worried**

It's not like it's October.



Aramis Ramirez sports a familiar stance after striking out in the second inning of Wednesday's loss. AP

**TRACK & FIELD**
**Bolt looks to strike again**

Three-time Olympic gold medalist Usain Bolt will run the 100 meters in the fastest field ever assembled Friday, seeking to break the world record for the third time this season as he faces Asafa Powell and Tyson Gay at the Van Damme Memorial in Brussels.

**U.S. OPEN**

» Sixth-seeded Dinara Safina overpowered No. 16 Flavia Pennetta 6-2, 6-3 in the U.S. Open quarterfinals Wednesday, earning the right to play one of the Williams sisters next.

» No. 6 Andy Murray of Britain reached his first Grand Slam semifinal by beating No. 17 Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina in a match that lasted nearly four hours and delayed the start of Venus Williams vs. Serena Williams.

**AND FINALLY ...**

» The Oklahoma City NBA team revealed its name and logo. The "Thunder" color scheme is blue, yellow and orange. » Vince Carter helped launch an initiative to make basketball a mainstream sport in England ahead of the 2012 London Olympics.



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# Chain reaction

As chains big and small descend on Chicago, can the local competition take the heat?

By Mindy Yahr

**d**on't let the allure of that new Sonic drive-in in the 'burbs distract you. While you've been chasing Chili Cheese Tots, other chains quietly have popped up in the city. From health food and wings to a build-your-own burger joint, these newcomers are poised to give a few Chicago originals a run for their money. We took a look at some of the newbies to see how they stack up against hometown spots.

## The new kid FRESHII

311 S. Wacker Drive. 312-435-0311

The first U.S. outpost of Toronto-based, nutrition-conscious Freshii opened in the Loop in June. The drill is simple: Grab a mini-clipboard off the wall and customize your salad, wrap, rice bowl or soup for lunch, or stop in early to create your own oatmeal or yogurt parfait. Look for a second location on State Street in March.

## The local competition FRESH CHOICE

1534 N. Wells St. 312-664-7065

Old Town spot Fresh Choice was doing the customizable sandwich thing long before Freshii arrived on the scene, turning out tasty oven-baked subs, homemade soups and legendary smoothies. The dull salad selection can't compete with Freshii's, but the longer hours and wide-ranging menu compensate.



Wings from  
Yak-Zies

## The new kid WINGSTOP

1637 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-235-9464

Wingstop, a Texas-based wing joint with more than 600 locations nationwide, is opening its first Chicago location in Bucktown this month. The all-white-meat wings are cooked to order with nine sauce options, ranging from atomic to lemon pepper to garlic parmesan. Another Wingstop is set to open in North Center later this year.

## The local competition YAK-ZIES

3710 N. Clark St. 773-525-9200

Though the Diversey Parkway location of Chicago institution Yak-Zies is temporarily closed, the second location continues to cater to the Wrigleyville crowd with tons of TVs and an extensive menu that includes Yak-Zies famous wings. Your options are mild, medium, hot, "Oh my Gosh!" and Tang-Z-Q. Prices for smaller orders here are slightly higher than Wingstop's.



The Counter  
burger

## The new kid THE COUNTER

666 W. Diversey Pkwy.  
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Set to open Monday in Lincoln Park, Southern California transplant The Counter modernizes the classic burger joint with a build-your-own concept that allows you to customize a beef, turkey, grilled chicken or vegan burger with a selection of toppings ranging from herb goat cheese spread and Black Forest ham to fried onion strings.

## The local competition EPIC BURGER

517 S. State St. 312-913-1373

New South Loop hotspot Epic Burger touts a "more mindful burger," which means all-natural beef and never-frozen patties. Like The Counter, Epic provides chicken and veg options. Burgers here start at \$5.99—far below The Counter's \$12.50 average—but it's tough to beat the SoCal newcomer on variety: The Counter claims more than 312,120 possible burger combos.



Epic Burger  
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## The new kid YATS

955 W. Randolph St. 312-829-7930

New Cajun-Creole concept Yats is all about simplicity. Following in the mold of owner Joe Vuskovich's five Indiana Yats outposts, the West Loop spot offers a daily selection of favorites such as jambalaya and etouffees and charges the same low price for everything: \$5.50.

## The local competition LAGNIAPPE

1525 W. 79th St. 773-994-6375

55 W. Riverwalk South.  
312-726-7716

Auburn-Gresham standby Lagniappe, which recently opened a Chicago Riverwalk location, also serves up Bayou classics, including gumbo, dirty rice and po'boys. Prices start at about \$3 but move into double digits with entrees such as shrimp creole and blackened catfish. This spot trumps just about any place in town when it comes to authenticity.

## The new kid UFOOD GRILL

200 W. Jackson Blvd. 312-922-1200

Boston-based healthy eats spot UFood Grill focuses its made-to-order menu on low-fat cooking techniques and organic ingredients. Customize a salad, sandwich or chili according to your dietary needs or pig out on 90-calorie-per-serving UBerry yogurt. UFood, a product of the brains behind Boston Market, is planning a second location on State Street in October.

## The local competition SPA CAFE

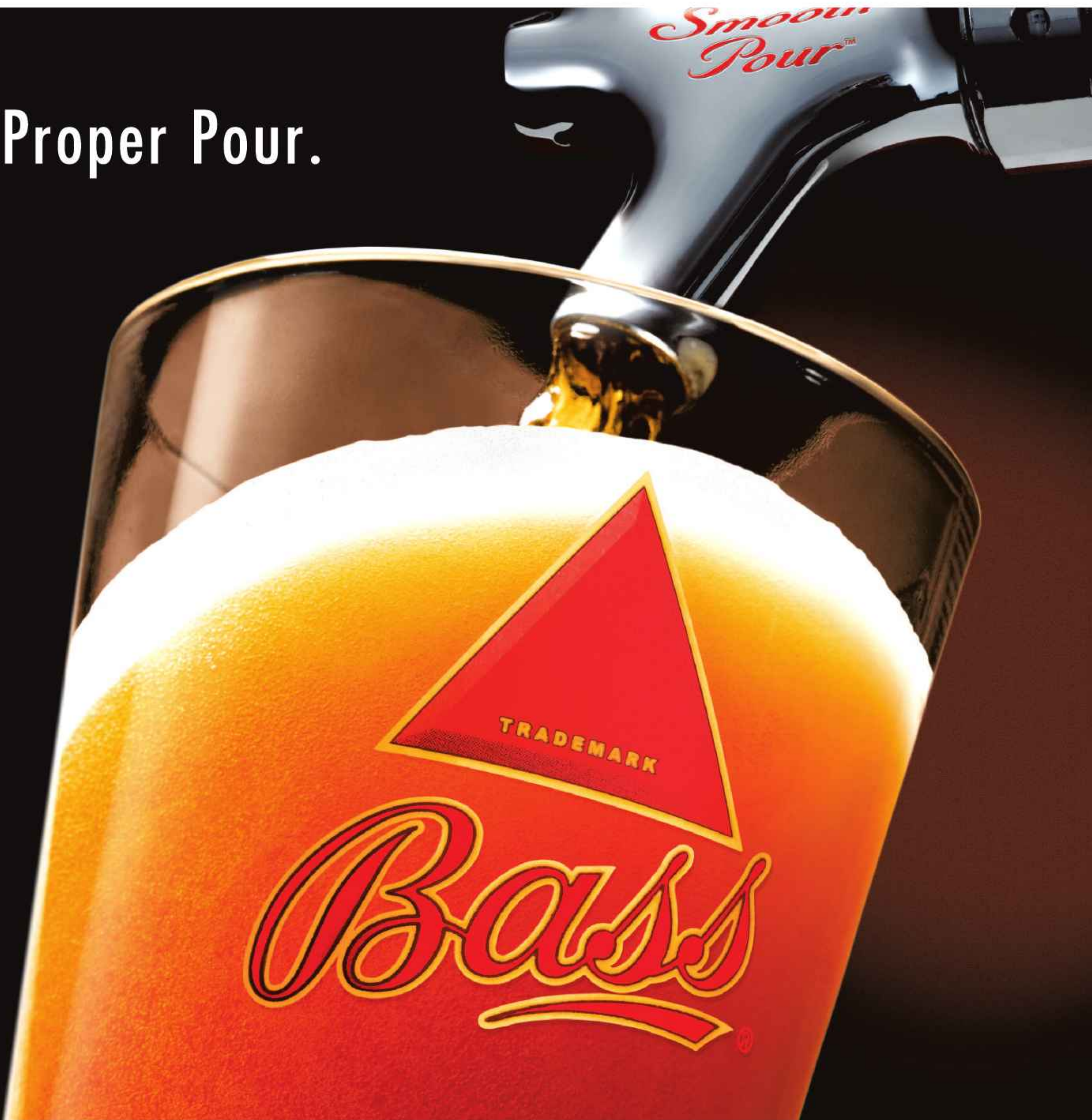
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Health-focused Loop breakfast and lunch spot Spa Cafe serves up local and organic ingredients in its soups, salads and Quesaninis—wraps grilled on a panini press. Wraps are just over the \$5 mark—the average UFood meal is about \$7.50—but offerings don't break the soup-and-salad mold the way UFood's do.

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'The Jenkins Farm Project'

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### Green acres

Theatre Building Chicago, 1225 W. Belmont Ave. 773-327-5252.

If your eco-friendly mind-set has you wondering what it might be like to get off the grid, attend "**The Jenkins Farm Project**," a multimedia installation about the lives of a North Carolina farm family. Conceived and choreographed by Chicago artist Annie Arnoult Beserra, the walk-through event takes place in a gallery-style setting and features live dance, dialogue and blues, folk and gospel music interspersed with home movies, interviews and dance footage filmed down on the farm. 7:30 p.m. Through Sunday. \$12-\$30. Tickets: [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com)

### Ay, caramba!

Alhambra Palace Restaurant, 1240 W. Randolph St. 312-666-9555.

Don a Carmen Miranda fruit hat and sashay your way to **Brazilian Samba Night**, where Brazilian singer-songwriter and activist Chico César and his band perform in honor of Brazilian Independence Day. An after-party features live music, drink specials and a performance by Brazilian dance troupe Hybrid Rhythm. 8 p.m. \$5-\$25.

### Countdown

Quimby's Bookstore, 1854 W. North Ave. 773-342-0910.

Punk rock wrestler Bob Calhoun gained a San Francisco cult following after appearing in the campy, lucha libre-style live show "The Incredibly Strange Wrestling League." At **Count Dante Night**, Calhoun reads from his memoir, "Beer, Blood and Cornmeal: Seven Years of Incredibly Strange Wrestling." 7 p.m. Free.

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### Talk it out

Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

Sick of spending your late nights with Leno, Letterman and that funny-sounding Scottish guy? Get your evening chat fix with a new host at "**The Interview Show**," a live talk show where guests including saxophonist Frank Catalano, hip-hop poet Kevin Coval and "Impress These Apes!" creative director Steve Gadlin share their talents and worldviews. RedEye columnist Mark Bazer hosts. 6:30 p.m. \$5.

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### Plush rush

Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave., 312-280-2660.

If you're in the market for a new cuddle companion, head to **Saturday Shorts: Plushies** and create your own plush toy with the helping hand of fashion designer Cheryl Pope. The three-hour workshop takes inspiration from exhibiting artist Jeff Koons' interest in pop culture, figurines and inflatables. 1 p.m. \$40-\$45.

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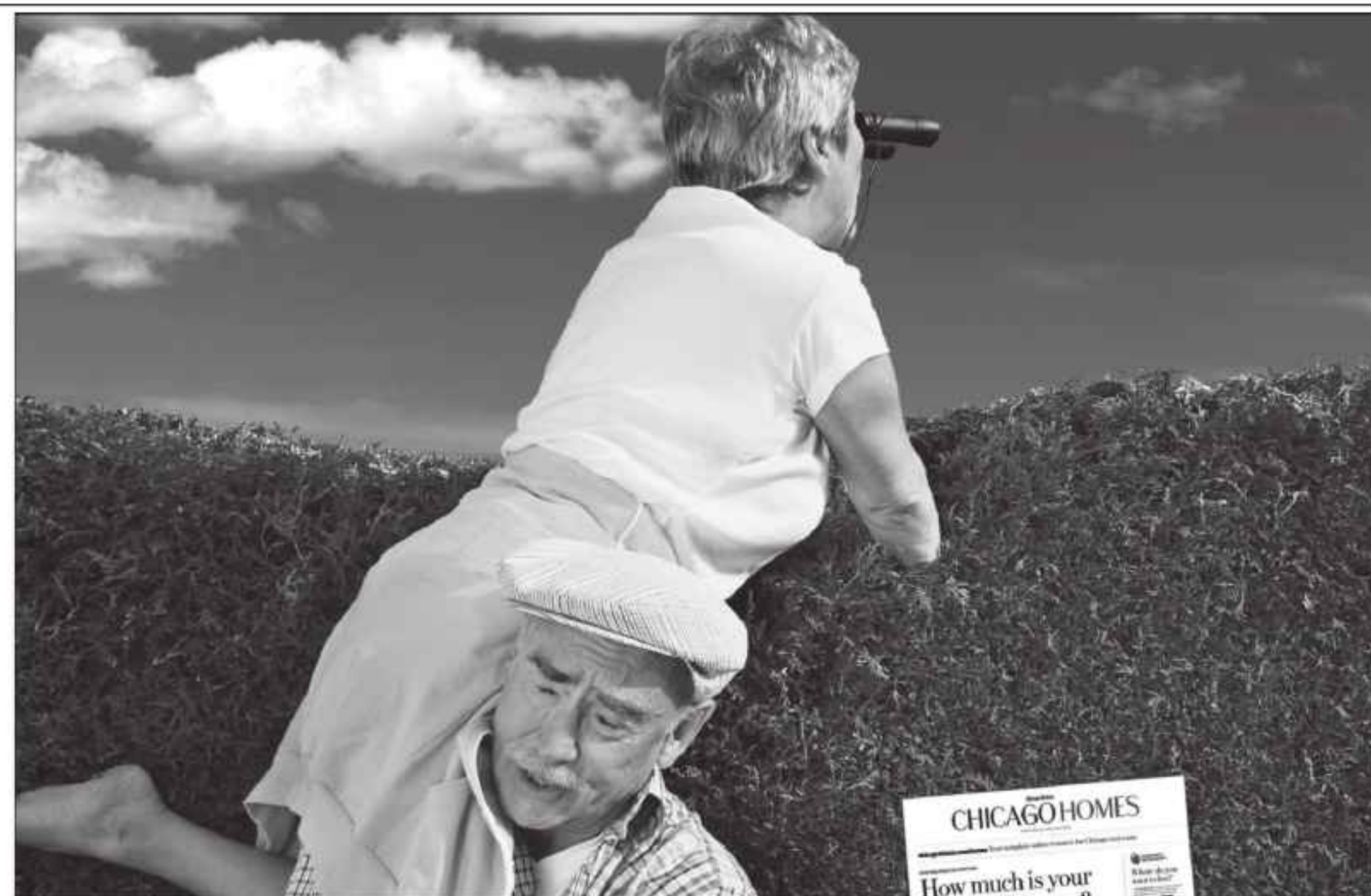
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# Growing a greener grape



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When you approach a booth with an empty glass at this weekend's Windy City Wine Festival, the question won't necessarily be, "Red or white?" It might be, "Red, white ... or green?" You'll have more than 250 options at the fourth annual fest—including some sustainable and organically produced picks.

Colleen Stewart, a wine educator and green living expert with Brown-Forman's Fetzer and Bonterra brands, will be on hand to answer questions about green wines. We warmed her up with five of our own.

## What's the difference between a sustainably produced wine and an organic wine?

This is real confusing for people—especially the word sustainable, because it doesn't have a real concrete definition. In sustainable farming, farmers will still use some synthesized chemicals to control weeds and mildew and disease. And then they can use what we call integrated pest management systems ... planting different crops to attract beneficial insects. So with sustainable farm-

ing, farmers will use some of these systems and composting and so forth, but they're not organically certified.

## So organic farmers are certified, but sustainable farmers aren't?

When you go into organic farming, you have to be certified. You cannot use any synthesized chemicals in your farming system. So you really focus on the health of the soil, which will determine the health of the vine.

## How about biodynamic farming?

It's kind of the highest level of organic farming. It uses all of the same organic processes and systems. And then on top of that, there's this whole philosophical approach to farming that encourages a holistic view of the farm as a contained unit of interrelated elements: the plants and animals, the farmer and the cosmos.

## So how can we tell if a wine is organic?

Wines made from organically grown grapes—that will be on the label. We can't

call Bonterra chardonnay an organic wine. The reason is that we add sulfites to the wine to keep it from oxidizing. But some wineries don't add sulfites—they could label it organic wine.

## So if there aren't any sulfites, does that mean we won't get a hangover if you have a few too many glasses of organic wine this weekend?

If you drink too much you're going to get a hangover. I think when a lot of people drink wine and they get a headache they are assuming that it's sulfite. That's quite a rare condition, to have a sulfite allergy. Just to give you an example, a dried apricot—one commercially dried apricot—has a lot more sulfites in it than an entire bottle of wine. And people don't seem to be concerned about dried fruit.

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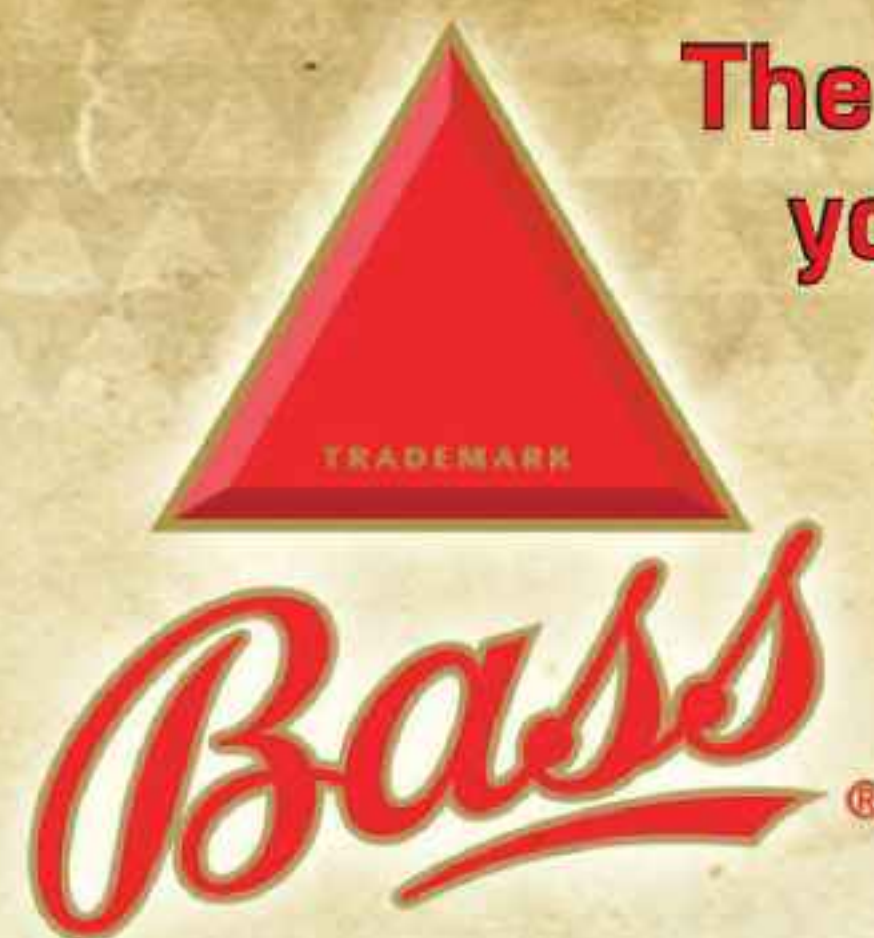
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# Atypical artist

## Anacron blends genres, styles to forge his sound

By Jennifer Wagner  
FOR REDEYE

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**Anacron**  
Anacron will release a new, Internet-only downloadable album on Oct. 12 at [myspace.com/anacronmusic](http://myspace.com/anacronmusic).

Skipping school generally isn't encouraged, but for Anacron, it all worked out.

The 30-year-old hip-hop artist, break dancer, jazz musician, poet and composer Anacron came to Chicago by way of L.A. a decade ago. He spent his formative years developing his musical, rapping and breakdancing skills in the L.A. underground scene with childhood friends such as hip-hop artist MURS and Himself, with whom he attended open mics in infamous clubs including South Central's The Good Life.

They also misbehaved a bit.

"My friends and I used to ditch," he said. "And we'd drive up to San Francisco. We'd call [our parents] and lie and say we were staying over at each other's houses."

To justify his truancy, Anacron explains that while they were playing hooky, they were going to breakdancing competitions and rock shows in the Bay area. They were making connections they would later use.

When Anacron came to Chicago in the late '90s, he discovered new life breathed into a scene that was getting pretty tired in L.A.

"L.A.'s underground and club scene was going through a weird change ... real mainstream and commercial-feeling ... everybody looked just like a music video," he said. "When I came here, I went out, and the hip-hop parties here were exactly the way they were when I was going to them in L.A."

"[I thought] 'This is so cool, this is the illest thing, I love this.'"

Anacron's "Atypicalcd" was released in December. In addition to his music, he's a member of the well-reputed fringe theater company Collaboraction and is actively involved with Brickheadz, the core breakdancing outfit in Chicago that's been alive and spinning since 1983.

The expanse of styles he's involved with might seem a bit schizophrenic, but Anacron explains it simply.

"Somehow, all of the subculture genres of art kind of all fit together," he said. "People want to cross those borders."

Listen to Anacron's "Get Stoked" on [redeye.chicago.com/chitunes](http://redeye.chicago.com/chitunes).

JENNIFER WAGNER IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.



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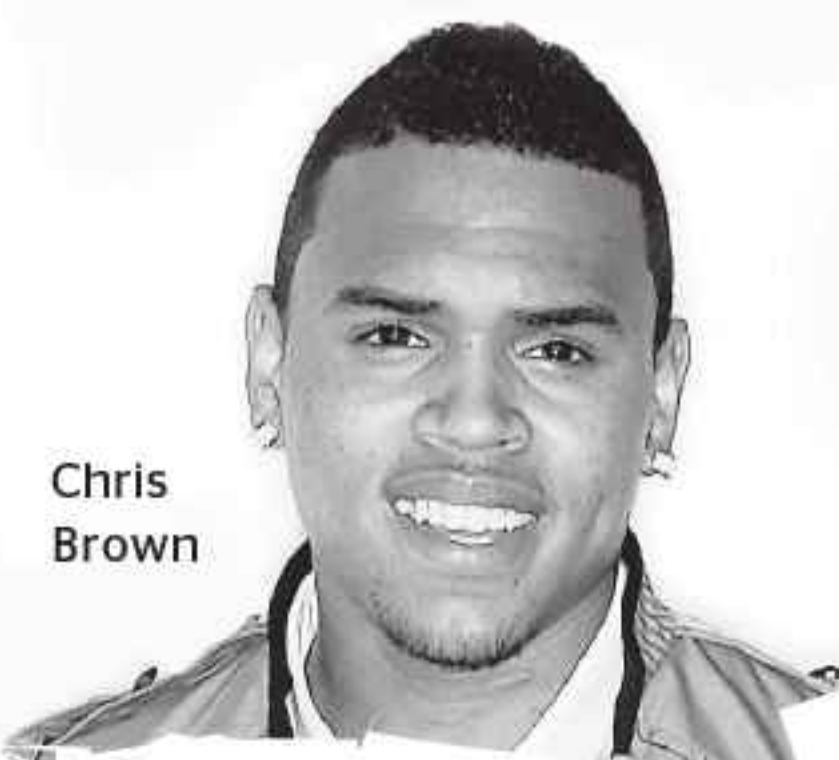


### New Kids on the Block

"The Block"

They're far from new, no longer boys, but New Kids on the Block have definitely

been around the block since making tween girls scream with joy in the late '80s and early '90s before breaking up in 1994. "The Block," the pop-R&B's group's reunion album, comes 20 years after 1988's "Hangin' Tough" went multiplatinum. The guys look handsomely rugged now, a sure draw for old-time female fans, now in their mid-20s to 30s. Songs such as "2 In the Morning" and "Summertime" have an undeniable retro groove. NKOTB are back, boys to men. SOLVEJ SCHOU, AP



Chris Brown

## On the download

top downloaded songs from Aug. 26-Sept. 2

### Chicago Top 10

| No. | Song, Artist                      | LW |
|-----|-----------------------------------|----|
| 1   | "Forever" Chris Brown             | 3  |
| 2   | "I Kissed a Girl" Katy Perry      | 1  |
| 3   | "Disturbia" Rihanna               | 4  |
| 4   | "Put On" Young Jeezy              | 3  |
| 5   | "Take a Bow" Rihanna              | 2  |
| 6   | "Got Money" Lil Wayne with T-Pain | 5  |
| 7   | "Closer" Ne-Yo                    | 10 |
| 8   | "Get Like Me" David Banner        | 6  |
| 9   | "Viva La Vida" Coldplay           | 19 |
| 10  | "American Boy" Estelle            | 11 |

### National Top 10

| No. | Song, Artist                      | LW  |
|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1   | "Forever" Chris Brown             | 3   |
| 2   | "I Kissed a Girl" Katy Perry      | 1   |
| 3   | "Put On" Young Jeezy              | 20  |
| 4   | "Disturbia" Rihanna               | 5   |
| 5   | "Got Money" Lil Wayne with T-Pain | 4   |
| 6   | "Take a Bow" Rihanna              | 2   |
| 7   | "Closer" Ne-Yo                    | 11  |
| 8   | "Get Like Me" David Banner        | 6   |
| 9   | "Viva La Vida" Coldplay           | 18  |
| 10  | "Whatever You Like" T.I.          | N/A |

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8:30 p.m. Free. Harlem  
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Harlem Ave., Berwyn.  
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LAWRENCE**  
8 p.m. \$10-\$75.  
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Martin Theatre, 200-  
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Armitage Ave. 773-342-  
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8:30 p.m. Cover varies.  
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11:45 p.m. Free.  
Redhead Piano Bar, 16  
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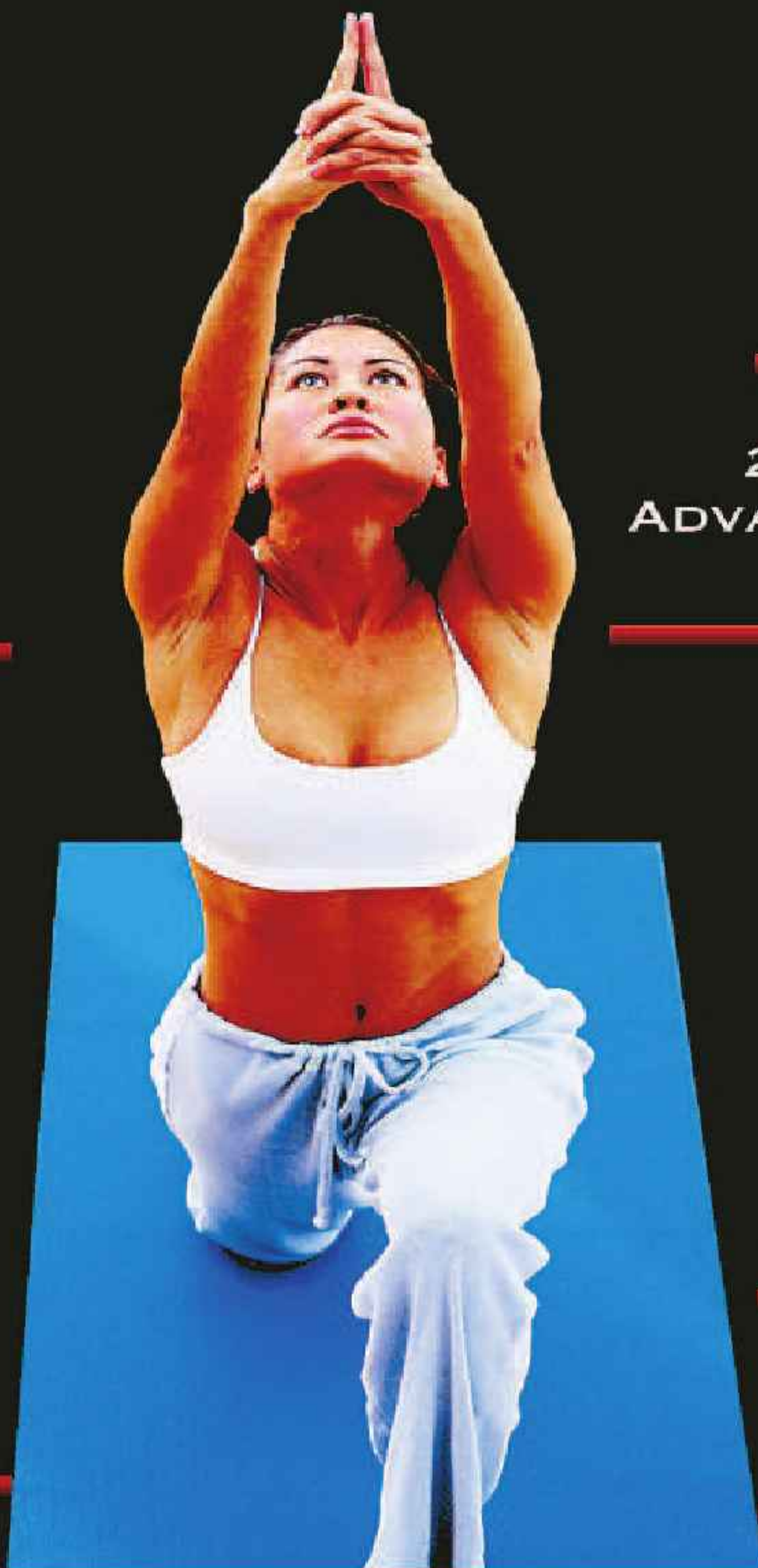
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CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
By: Geoffrey Urban  
General Manager, Purchasing  
September 4, 2008

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NOTICE OF TIME EXTENSION  
Notice is hereby given that the bid opening date heretofore advertised as Friday, September 5, 2008 has been extended to Friday, September 19, 2008 at 11:00 A.M. in the Bid Office - 2nd Floor, 567 W. Lake St., Chicago, Illinois 60661-1498, for the following item:

Req. C08FR100755220, Spec. No. CTA 9754-08A - with Addendum No. 1 Two 25 HP Pressure-Lubricated Reciprocating Base-Mounted Air Compressors.

PROPOSAL GUARANTEE: NONE  
For additional information, please contact William Tell, Sr Procurement Administrator, at 312/681-2466.

Any contract resulting from this bid is subject to a financial assistance between the Chicago Transit Authority, the United States Department of Transportation and the Regional Transportation Authority.

The contractor will be required to furnish certified copies of any and all insurance Policies required in relation to this contract prior to CTA's execution.

Contractor will be required to comply with all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity laws and regulations and affirmative action requirements of the Federal Transit Administration and the Illinois Human Rights Commission.

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The right is reserved to accept any bid or any part or parts thereof or to reject any and all bids. Acceptance of any bid is subject to concurrence by the Regional Transportation Authority and the United States Department of Transportation.

All inquiries should be directed to and copies of bid documents obtained from the Bid Office - 2nd Floor, 567 W. Lake St., Chicago, Illinois 60661-1498.

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
By: Geoffrey Urban  
General Manager, Purchasing  
September 4, 2008

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Notice of Public Sale

East Bank Self Storage, at 1200 W. 35th St., 773-247-3000 is opening locker 4215F (Edward Tomlinson), 4247E (Darla Wagner), 4176E (Andre Stevens), 3657E (Susan Seah), 3503E (Diana Skirvin), 3484E (Jason Kapfer), 3384D (Cencelia Foley), 3334F (James Lonergan), 3269H (Aguilla Sykes), 4242F (David Tucker), 4199D (Jesse Thomas C/O Granite Development Corp) for public sale of miscellaneous items. This sale is to be held on Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 2:00 PM. Cash and certified checks only.

## CTA NOTICES

### CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Advertisement for Bids  
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Furnish and Deliver forty (40) Inverter Power Modules, as specified.

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## ASSUMED NAMES

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an assumed name in the conduct or transaction of business in this State" as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County, File No. D08114687 on the 27th day of August, 2008, under the assumed name of Manuel's Drywall, with place of business located at 17704 Roy Street, Lansing, IL 60438.

The true name and address of owner is Manuel Nunez, 17704 Roy Street, Lansing, IL 60438.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP#2008-100-027

The Housing Authority of the County of Cook (HACC) is requesting submissions of proposals from interested firms to provide Homeownership Training and Counseling Services to Low-Income Public Housing residents.

From August 29, 2008 through September 23, 2008, copies of the Request for Proposals (RFP) are available by request via email to [haccbids@thehacc.org](mailto:haccbids@thehacc.org) or by pick-up at the Housing Authority of the County of Cook, 175 West Jackson, Suite 350, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Responses to the RFP are due on Thursday, September 25, 2008 by 2:00pm CST and must be delivered to the Housing Authority of the County of Cook located at 175 West Jackson Blvd., Suite 350, Chicago, Illinois 60604, Attention: Mrs. Patricia Montenegro. All inquiries should be directed to [haccbids@thehacc.org](mailto:haccbids@thehacc.org).

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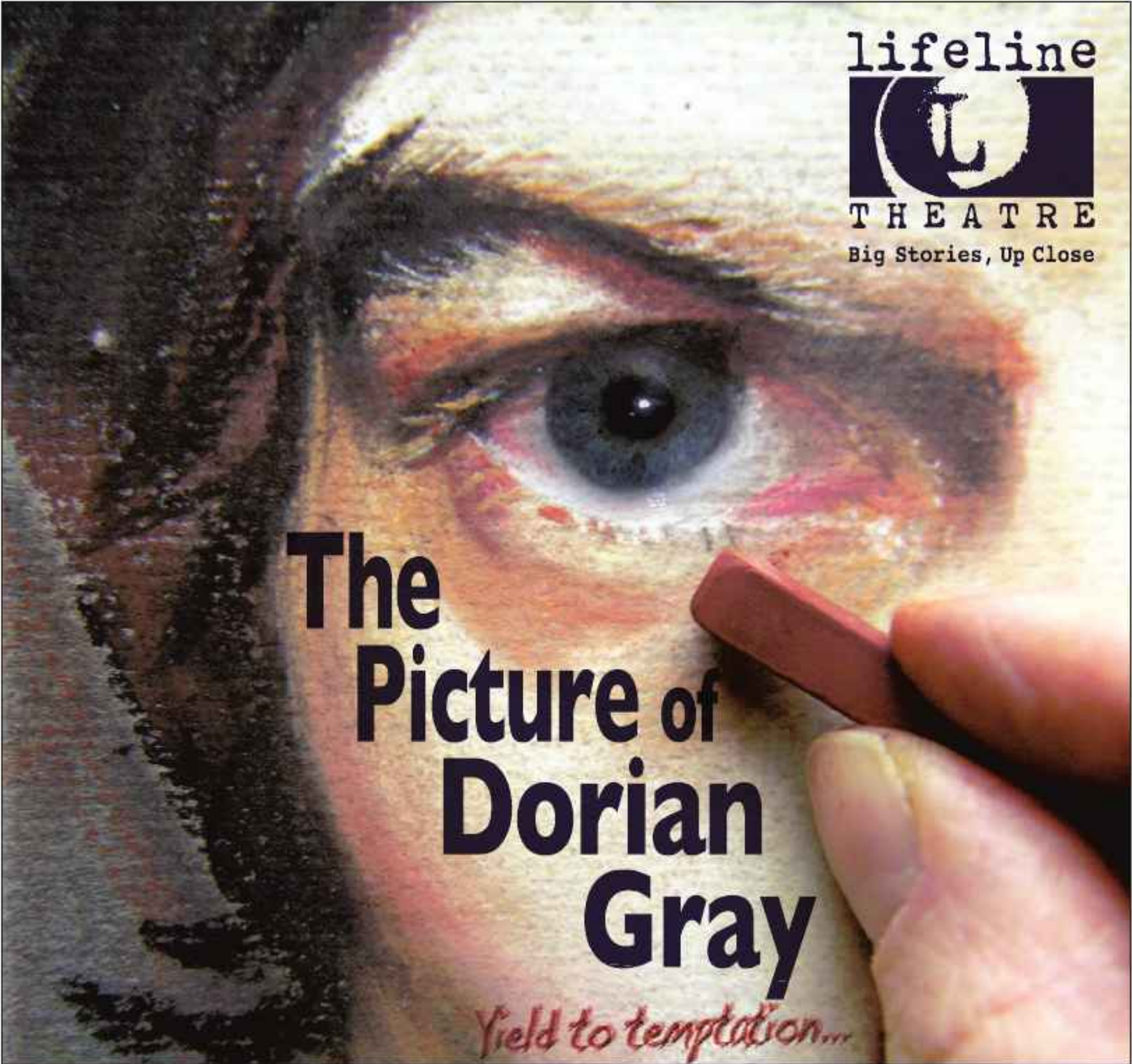


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**pop**

# Brand in the U.S.A.

UK comic looks to break through on American soil

## New York Times News Service

Over the years, MTV has faced accusations that the Video Music Awards telecast has devolved from a celebration of rock 'n' roll rebellion to a parade of celebrity train wrecks. This year, the network has chosen a master of ceremonies who firmly represents both traditions.

Russell Brand, who will host the awards on Sunday, is a 33-year-old comedian who favors snug leather pants, unbuttoned shirts, a manly bit of eyeliner and shaggy, Amy Winehouse-style bouffants. In this country he is best known, if barely, for a supporting role as a promiscuous rock musician in the comedy "Forgetting Sarah Marshall."

In his native England, however, Brand is notorious for possessing a rap sheet as long as his tousled locks: In his stand-up comedy and in an autobiography titled "My Booky Wook," he has made no secret of his addictions to sex and hard drugs like heroin and crack—all since kicked with professional treatment.

If the job of a comedian is to find common ground with his audience, Brand said in a recent telephone interview, "it is also to make things that are uncommon seem accessible and empathetic. That's something I sometimes struggle with, because of the life I've led."

As Brand recounts in "My Booky Wook," many of his earliest professional victories were accompanied by a dollop of vice. In his 20s he became a popular host for British MTV, only to be fired from that job for showing up at the studio on Sept. 12, 2001, high on drugs and dressed as Osama bin Laden.

In the ensuing years, Brand writes, he was treated at Focus Counseling Services in Suffolk, England, for his drug problem, and at the KeyStone Center in Chester, Pa., for a sexual addiction.

Brand also developed his signature bohemian style of dress and began incorporating his personal failings into his comedy routines, to greater and greater acclaim.

"I like to wear tight clothes and think meself all sexy," Brand said. But his resemblance to

## WHAT'S NEXT?

- >> Brand will appear opposite Adam Sandler in "Bedtime Stories," a Walt Disney comedy scheduled for release on Dec. 25.
- >> He is slated to reprise his role as Aldous Snow from "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" in a comedy produced by Judd Apatow, "Get Him to the Greek."
- >> "My Booky Wook" has yet to be published in the U.S.

boldly clothed rock performers, he said, was strictly superficial: "Musicians stand on stage and say, 'Aren't I cool?' If you're a comedian, it all boils down to, 'Aren't I a twit?'"

In 2006, Brand reconciled with MTV and returned as the host of a talk show called "1 Leicester Square." During an interview with Adam Sandler on that show, the two comedians bonded, and Sandler began introducing Brand to influential figures in the American entertainment industry.

Among Brand's new stateside advocates is Judd Apatow, who produced "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" and helped tailor Brand's character in that film, a fictitious rock star named Aldous Snow, to the actor's personal traits.

"We wondered if Russell would allow us to put his former drug habit in the movie," Apatow recalled in a telephone interview. "Is he the kind of comedian that is willing to go to a personal place? And Russell could not have been more enthusiastic. Suddenly he's like, 'Oh, yes, please, make jokes about my heroin use.'"

In America, MTV said it was more eager to have Brand host the Video Music Awards because of his checkered past with the cable channel.

"That's the attraction: He brings danger and he brings unpredictability," said Van Toffler, the president of MTV Networks' music group, who was introduced to Brand through industry colleagues. "He went off and cleaned himself up, and he's really together, but still volatile and combustible as ever."



Brand  
[FRANK MICELLOTTA/MTV]



## BRAND BITS

Russell Brand will host the MTV Video Music Awards at 7 p.m. Sunday, but few Americans may know who he is.

**Day Job:** British comedian

**You may have seen him in:** "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," late-night talk shows

**Author of:** The autobiography "My Booky Wook," in which he published numerous documents to corroborate his tales of addiction.

**About his fashion sense:** "A licorice scarecrow Willy Wonka sex man"





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# Tick. Tick. Tick.

## Will the cell phone slay the wristwatch?

### Cox NewsService

In the age of the cell phone, is time running out for the wristwatch?

Charlie Wollman thinks so. The 16-year-old student from New Jersey doesn't own a watch. To tell time, he pulls out his wireless phone or glances at public clocks.

A watch, he says, is "an extra piece of equipment with no necessary function." Wollman, who edits the TeenTechBlog Web site, says he might wear a watch someday to make an impression, but as his generation grows up and goes to work, "the watch may increasingly lose meaning."

With more teens and young adults sharing that opinion, the watch industry is at a crossroads.

"It's definitely true that we're seeing a decline in the number of watches sold to younger people," said Louis Galie, senior vice president for technology at Timex, the top U.S. watch maker.

Watch buying also is down overall. In 2007, 30 percent of adults said they bought a watch within the last year, compared with 35 percent in 2004, according to Experian Consumer Research.

Worldwide, the number of watches sold is down about 20 percent since 2005, Galie said.

He said the biggest sales declines are with low-end models, especially sub-\$10 watches that represent 15 percent to 20 percent of the market's total value.

Will the current generation of young people, who eschew watches, keep their wrists bare as they get older?

"The entire jewelry industry, not to mention the economy of Switzerland, is waiting for the answer," joked Jeffrey Cole, director of the Center for the Digital Future, which looks at the social effects of technology.

Cole said his focus groups pointed to the surprising trend of many teens not wearing watches and telling time with phones. A small follow-up survey last December found more than 60 percent of people aged 12 to 24 don't wear watches, he said. The center's research also shows that many teens still don't wear watches when they reach their early 20s.

But Galie of Timex is optimistic, saying that watches regain popularity when consumers reach their 20s and 30s.

"Are watches relevant at all anymore for their primary function ... telling time? The answer may be no," he said. The watch business is "going from an industry which was inherently functional to an industry which becomes more inherently decorative."



### Slowing down

Adult consumers are buying more high-end watches and fewer inexpensive ones.

| FALL 2004                     | FALL 2007    |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Bought watch within past year |              |
| <b>35%</b>                    | <b>30%</b>   |
| Spent less than \$100         |              |
| <b>75.9%</b>                  | <b>72.5%</b> |
| Spent \$100 or more           |              |
| <b>24.2%</b>                  | <b>27.4%</b> |

NOTE: PERCENTAGES MAY NOT ADD TO 100 BECAUSE OF ROUNDING.

SOURCE: EXPERIAN CONSUMER RESEARCH

### Under pressure

Cell phones, the Swiss Army knives of gadgets, have long been disruptive devices, battering or altering older technologies and tools:

- » Public pay phones may be the biggest casualty, but land-line phones also are under pressure, with more consumers cutting the cord.
- » Do-everything wireless handsets with multimedia functions also are hammering pocket calculators, address books and printed wallet photos.
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# Goin' clubbin'

If you're like most sports fans, you haven't watched that much golf since June, when Tiger Woods won the U.S. Open—and then announced he was getting knee surgery and was done playing for the rest of 2008.

But while we may not be watching golf, that doesn't mean we aren't playing it. Golf games

have been around almost from the start of the video-game era. But over the last decade or so, EA Sports' Tiger Woods series has been atop the leaderboard. This year's edition has a bigger selling point: It's the only way you can see Woods play before 2009.

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## Tiger Woods PGA Tour 09

EA Sports/Xbox 360, PS3/\$59.99;

Wii/\$49.99; PS2, PSP/\$39.99

Woods isn't the only familiar face in his namesake game: You'll also compete against Vijay Singh and Annika Sorenstam. The big improvement in PGA Tour 09 is in the mechanics of swinging your club. The analog controls in last year's edition made it too difficult to gauge the power and accuracy of your shots. This time, EA has added on-screen indicators to give you a better idea—before you make the shot—of whether your ball is going to slice off into the woods. EA also has added a club tuner that allows you to adjust the controls to compensate for your own tendencies. PGA Tour 09 looks better than ever.



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!!! We Love Golf! is somewhat of a misfire. It doesn't make good use of the Wii remote. Yes, you have to swing the remote to strike the ball, but the motions don't match the back and forth of a golf swing. Once you nail the timing, the game's awfully forgiving, making eagles and long putts all too easy. We Love Golf! delivers flamboyant courses and wacky minigames. But if you want to feel like you're actually on the links, other games are better bets.



## Golf: Tee It Up!

Activision/Xbox 360/\$10

!!! You get what you pay for in Tee It Up!: two courses, a small selection of character options and a fairly bare-bones experience. If you're looking for a cheap golf game to play with friends, it's not bad. But it won't hold a solo player's interest for very long.



## Coming next week

- >> Active Life Outdoor Challenge, Wii
- >> The Price is Right, Wii, DS
- >> NHL 09, Xbox 360, PS3
- >> Mystery Case Files: MillionHeir, DS
- >> Hell's Kitchen, Wii, DS
- >> NHL 2K9, Wii, PS3, Xbox 360, PS2
- >> Viva Pinata: Pocket Paradise, DS
- >> TNA Impact!, Xbox 360, PS3, PS2
- >> Yakuza 2, PS2
- >> Rain Drops, DS
- >> Air Traffic Chaos, DS
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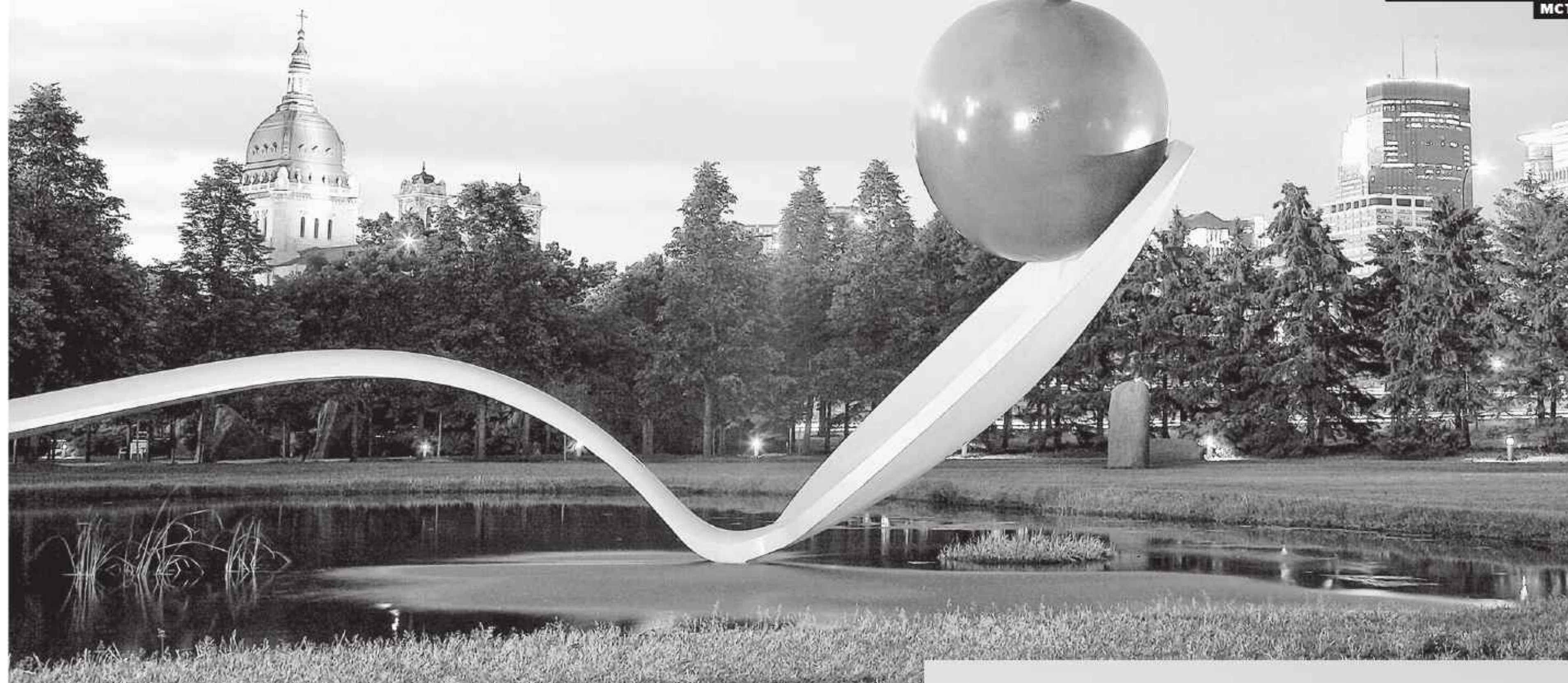
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## Chicago Tribune

The Twin Cities are far from identical.

St. Paul, the Minnesota capital and host to the Republican National Convention this week, historically looked to the East Coast for architectural inspiration and retains a human-feeling scale. Minneapolis boasts the 57-story IDS Center, in front of which TV's Mary Richards famously threw her hat up each week, and a growing number of gleaming skyscrapers.

Both, however, are committed to developing their Mississippi riverfronts and have enlisted top architects to design notable cultural institutions. For more, go to [minneapolis.org](http://minneapolis.org) and [stpaulcvb.org](http://stpaulcvb.org).

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**Guthrie Theater's 'Endless Bridge'**  
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## Guthrie Theater

The "Endless Bridge," jutting out 178 feet toward the Mississippi, is just one of the dramatic features of architect Jean Nouvel's big blue box, built as the Guthrie Theater's new riverfront home in downtown Minneapolis and inaugurated in June 2006. Three theaters and Cue at the Guthrie, a hot spot for seasonal local cuisine, are among the draws.

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I have a deep love for multitasking beauty loot. So imagine my minimalist delight when I first popped the top on Kiehl's little vial of Superbly Restorative Dry Oil, made with do-it-all argan oil that the company claims will smooth split ends, protect skin and yield a smoother, more radiant complexion. Moroccan argan oil has gotten considerable buzz recently for its healing properties, and Kiehl's stocks its formula with the fair-trade organic variety, as well as sesame and avocado oils. The barely scented product was absorbed quickly and left more of a subtle sheen than the baby-oil slick so popular with bikini models and professional wrestlers. It also helped subdue humidity-induced frizz and vanquished shaving bumps. Thirty dollars isn't cheap, but it means I can cross three products off my list before I even start packing.

HOLLY E. THOMAS, THE WASHINGTON POST



## Benefit lip and cheek stain

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Never mind that Posietint, the new lip and cheek tint from the folks at Benefit, has the color and consistency of Pepto-Bismol. Before my test run, I had to double-check the package to make sure it wasn't for indigestion. Actually, the creaminess makes for a fool-proof application. You still need to work quickly—it is a stain, after all—and be sure to blend back toward your ears to avoid Raggedy Ann cheek circles. But those are minor details compared to the perfect pinch of color it delivers while making you look as though you're not wearing makeup at all.

RACHEL MACHACEK, THE WASHINGTON POST



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- 27 Hire a bus, e.g.
- 30 Notable time
- 32 Attila follower
- 33 Slow down
- 39 De Mille of the dance
- 42 Figs.
- 43 Downstairs
- 44 Smell-masking agents
- 47 Payable
- 48 One in Madrid
- 49 Makes beloved
- 52 French chalk
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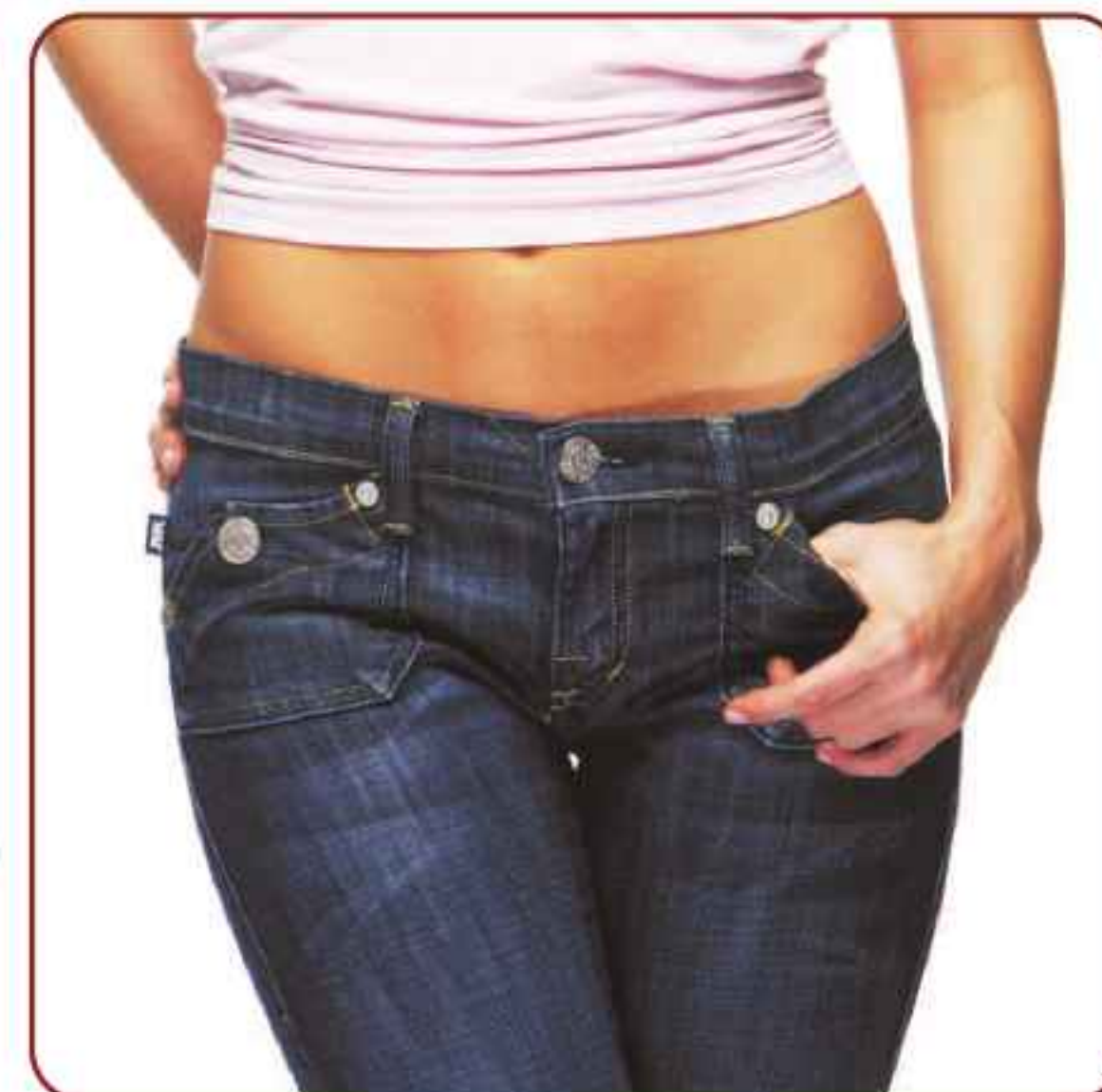
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# Amateur photos don't always click

How many times have you been surfing the Interwebs, looking at amateur adult sites, finding sexy photos and getting into the groove before everything comes to a grinding halt because of something you spot in the background of someone's "sexy" photo?

You know what I'm talking about: You're looking at the hottest guy you've ever seen, but right behind him is a bucket of KFC or an overflowing trash can or a sleeping baby, and it completely distracts you and derails your train of thought.

All it takes is one poor photo to ruin the whole experience.

Not to sound creepy, but many people who post amateur photos of themselves have one main problem: They do not pay attention to their surroundings. Quite often you'll see a photo of a hot guy and in the background is an unmade bed, a stack of dirty dishes or some other distraction that takes away from the scene.

This isn't exclusive to photos of gay men or amateur porn sites, either; this applies to everyone. Tip: If you're going to take photos of yourself in a bubble bath, buy some Tilex first.

Every once in a while you see some near-professional photos where the subject obviously has put a lot of thought into setting the scene beforehand. I found one guy who was reclining on an Adirondack chair with the sun streaming in through a window and cascading over him perfectly while some nice trees and a clear blue sky could be seen outside. He gets an A-plus.

Compare that with the profile I found on a site where the guy was standing in his bedroom with piles of dirty laundry around him, peeling wallpaper and a broken mirror in a white wicker frame. Wicker? Really?!

I am not advocating that all photos need to have a slick, professional quality to them. The allure of amateur photos is that they are in fact ... amateur. I am just saying it wouldn't hurt to straighten up your bedroom before snapping some shots. Try making your bed before you lay on it, or at least standing against a plain wall instead of in front of a dresser with family photos on it. Mom doesn't want to be in your exhibitionist pictures with you.

People also need to understand that the PG-13 or adult photos belong on sites that cater to that, they don't belong on Facebook. A friend of mine works with a woman who posted racy drunken photos of herself on her Facebook page and then stupidly invited her co-workers to her profile. Not only did her pics get passed around the entire company, but they also got criticized for having piles of beer cans in her filthy living room in the background.

Many photos are the product of people taking a picture in the mirror, and all you see is a giant flash. Try asking a friend to be your photographer. Heck, I'm willing to come take the photo for you just so the rest of us don't have to see blurry shots of you with your iPhone obscuring all the good parts while a cat uses the litter box in the background.

Photos are meant to be a turn-on, not a turnoff. **SEX COLUMNIST JASON**

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# A date for Kate

Kate Hudson has said that the main man in her life is her son, Ryder.

Of course, that hasn't stopped the "Fool's Gold" actress, who recently stopped dating Lance Armstrong, from dishing about what she looks for in a mate.

"My taste is kind of all over the place," Hudson tells the October issue of Cosmopolitan, according to excerpts on **people.com**. "Always has been. I don't have a specific type."

According to excerpts on **usmagazine.com**, Hudson also tells the mag that she and ex-husband Chris Robinson, the father of her child, have "figured it out" when it comes to their relationship and that she "could never look at [their divorce] as a mistake."

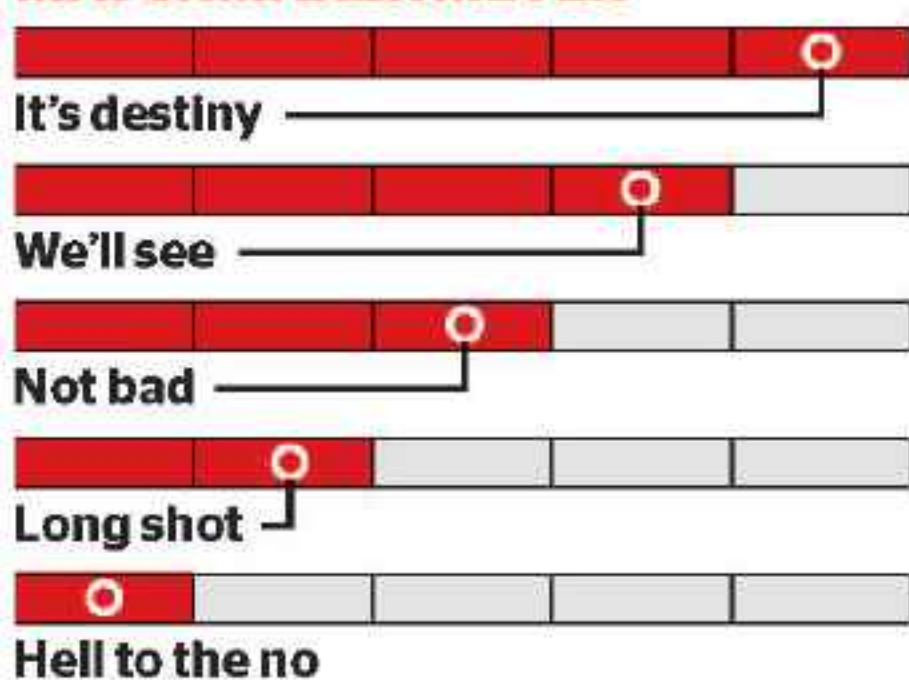
After taking a moment to soak all of this in, RedEye couldn't resist offering Hudson a few suggestions for potential new suitors—because, we're, like, totally qualified to do that, right? Here goes ...

RedEye plays matchmaker—and offers some friendly advice to Kate Hudson



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## MATCHMAKER METER



**Mario Lopez**  
**Pro:** He's been named People magazine's sexiest bachelor.  
**Con:** When you're dealing with the future host of "Extra," how much is there to talk about?



**John Mayer**  
**Pro:** By all accounts, he seems like a charmer.  
**Con:** He also seems like a serial dater. Just ask Jennifer Aniston. And Jessica Simpson.



**George Clooney**  
**Pro:** Surely the salt-and-pepper-haired Clooney has tons of worldly advice to give.  
**Con:** Doesn't look like he's settling down any time soon based on his comments in the press.



**John Krasinski**  
**Pro:** Who wouldn't want to hang out with Jim from "The Office"?  
**Con:** Last we heard, he said he was looking for the "girl in a cardigan"—doesn't seem like Hudson's type.



**Ryan Seacrest**  
**Pro:** He seems capable of hosting just about any event. Why not a date?  
**Con:** With his schedule, who has time for dating?



**Luke Wilson**  
**Pro:** He might have the kind of charm that brother Owen Wilson used on Hudson during their fling a while back.  
**Con:** Dating an ex's brother? Huge no-no.





Lopez

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## Super JLo

Jennifer Lopez is speaking out about the birth of her twins, 6-month-old Max and Emme.

"We came off tour and I said, 'I did the superwoman thing, I finished the tour—now I need you to take care of me,'" Lopez tells Elle magazine of the arrangement she made with husband Marc Anthony.

"I love doing things for you; if I'm not cooking, then I'm picking out a shirt. But this is the first time in my life where I'm just going to be a little bit selfish."



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### Meet the parents—really

Ben Stiller is moving in with his parents—sort of. Stiller recently spent \$10 million on a Manhattan duplex in a co-op where his parents, Jerry Stiller and Anne Meara, have lived for years, according to the New York Observer. Stiller's reps didn't respond for comment to the Observer.



Ben Stiller

### 'Rock' and roll!

What tops the announcement of Jennifer Aniston as a guest star on NBC's "30 Rock"? The rumor that Oprah might guest too. On Tuesday, NBC confirmed that Aniston would appear on the show as "Fatal Attraction"-like stalker Claire Harper, Liz Lemon's [Tina Fey] former roommate from Chicago. On Wednesday, [eonline.com](http://online.com) reported that Oprah was in "final talks" to guest on the show, citing unnamed sources.

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### Celebrity twin

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send your pic along with the name of the celeb who shares your style to [jxwalsh@tribune.com](mailto:jxwalsh@tribune.com). For Thursday, we have Michael Aravaan Khora. Think he's is a ringer for rapper Paul Wall? Text "twin" and the number of your opinion to **47383**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

1. Dead on

2. Way off



Khora



Wall

### BITS & PIECES

>> Slipknot's "All Hope Is Gone" nabs No. 1 spot on The Billboard 200. It beat the Game's "LAX" by less than 2,000 copies sold.

>> David Spade's a daddy. His rep confirmed to Us Weekly that a child born to 22-year-old Playboy Playmate Jillian Grace is his.



>> Letterman wants to stick with CBS' "Late Show" through his contract. OK, so what's Jay going to do next?

>> Christina Aguilera releasing album exclusively through Target. What, too good for Wal-Mart?

>> Paris Hilton tells E! that Benji Madden is her "best friend." So much for the reality TV friend-search shows.

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## One down, one to go



ShaRaun

### Blond bond

Jessica Simpson almost gave up singing after her tribute to Dolly Parton at the 2006 Kennedy Center honors turned out to be forgettable—literally—as she spaced on the lyrics to “9 to 5.”



Simpson

“You know, what happened at Kennedy Center, I really thought I was done singin’. I was just at a place where I’d lost a lot of confidence and I didn’t even know who I was,” Simpson tells E! Online. “But Dolly totally took me under her wing and helped me up and over the cares of the world.”

Thanks to Parton’s letters of encouragement to Simpson, the younger country singer says she got back on her horse.

One thing Simpson is quitting for a while is acting—unless some project really wows her. “It’s gotta just be a really incredible director and production with an awesome studio and great cast,” she tells E! “But for me right now it’s just Jessica Simpson is music.”

### Who’s normal?

When you’re the dreamy and habanero-hot star of the “High School Musical” franchise—as Zac Efron is—some days it’s just nice to “feel normal.”

“I’m growing up under a magnifying glass, and I just try to rise above it and live my life,” Efron tells Teen Vogue magazine, according to excerpts on [people.com](http://people.com). He adds: “I’m not going to complain. But it’s something I’m learning to cope with.”

And with his “HSM” character Troy Bolton facing graduation in the upcoming “High School Musical 3: Senior Year,” Efron faces the prospect of bulking up his acting resume with adult fare. He co-stars in the decidedly heavier drama “Me and Orson Welles,” due out next year.

Ah, kids—they grow up so fast!

### THE DIGIT

## 4.9 million

That’s how many people tuned in to Tuesday night’s two-hour premiere of “90210” on the CW, according to early data from Nielsen Media Research.

Garth



### Spoiler alert!

If you haven’t watched “America’s Next Top Model” yet, there’s a spoiler ahead. You’ve been warned.

That’s Chicago’s score after “America’s Next Top Model” kicked off its latest edition Wednesday. ShaRaun, an 18-year-old Windy City student, was sent home because, as host and judge Tyra Banks told her, she “really didn’t have substance.”

Ouch!

“I wanted this so bad ...” ShaRaun said as the other contestants consoled her.

Banks told ShaRaun that she understood how badly elimination hurts, and gave her some advice.

“It’s not just about wanting it,” she said. “You have to be real, so work on that.”

Chicago still has a chance at another top model. Lake Forest native McKey, 19, made it to the next round.

## Britney’s VMA drama

Get ready for another Britney Spears mystery.

After weeks of speculation on whether Spears will perform at the MTV Video Music Awards show Sunday, the best anyone can seem to come up with is that the pop tart will at least “appear” there in some capacity.

That’s what MTV said on its Web site Wednesday.

The network also released a statement from Spears that said, “MTV has long played an important role in my career. How can I not be there to kick off their 25th VMAs? I’m excited to open the entire show, to say hi to my fans and to be nominated.”

But what about Ryan Seacrest’s radio show report last month in which he quoted Spears’ manager, Larry Rudolph, as saying “officially and unequivocally” that “Britney Spears will not be performing at the VMAs this year”?

And what’s the difference between an “opening” and a “performance”?

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